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Chavez's cancer rattles Venezuela

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CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Hugo Chavez's revelation that he is battling cancer raises questions about the future of his drive to bring socialism to Venezuela and create a Latin America free of Washington's influence.

The biggest question, though, is just how sick is he?



A man holds a newspaper depicting Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez and with a headline that reads in Spanish: "Keep going Commander" in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, July 1, 2011. Thursday night Chavez announced in a televised speech that he underwent a second surgery in Cuba to remove a cancerous tumor.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

Suddenly, the issue isn't so much about how long Chavez should govern after 12 often tumultuous years in power, but how long he can.

In a surprise announcement Thursday night, Chavez disclosed that he had a cancerous tumor removed while on a trip to Cuba last month, though he didn't give details about what kind of cancer or say how soon he might return home. During his tenure, Chavez has become a maverick leftist voice and an oil-rich benefactor for governments from Cuba to Nicaragua to Bolivia.

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Judge orders end to house arrest of Strauss-Kahn

Dominique Strauss-Kahn, right, former head of the IMF leaves his house, for the first time after the judge changed the terms of his house arrest, Friday, July 1, 2011 in New York. Strauss-Kahn, accused of sexually assaulting a hotel housekeeper, was released from house arrest Friday as the case against him moved closer to dismissal after prosecutors told a Manhattan judge that the credibility of his accuser was in serious question.

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NEW YORK – Dominique Strauss-Kahn, the former head of the International Monetary Fund accused of sexually assaulting a hotel housekeeper, was released from house arrest Friday as the case against him moved closer to dismissal after prosecutors told a Manhattan judge that the credibility of his accuser was in serious question.

Prosecutors acknowledged that there were troubling revelations and glaring inconsistencies in various accounts given by the housekeeper, who accused Strauss-Kahn of trying to rape her in May.

In a brief hearing at State Supreme Court in Manhattan, prosecutors did not oppose his release; the judge then freed Strauss-Kahn on his own recognizance.

The development represented a stunning reversal in a case that reshaped the French political landscape

and sparked debate about morals, the treatment of women and the U.S. justice system.

Prosecutors said that they still believed there was evidence to support the notion that Strauss-Kahn had forced the woman to perform oral sex, but that in-

consistencies in her past and her account of the moments following the episode could make it extremely difficult to persuade jurors to believe her.

The aftermath of the quick court action illuminated the complex, often shifting relationship among the three

legal interests in the case. Lawyers for Strauss-Kahn on Friday praised the Manhattan district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., for "doing what is appropriate"; Kenneth P. Thompson, a lawyer for the housekeeper, accused Vance of being "too afraid" to try the case; and Vance himself made a statement defending how his office handled the case, by far the most high-profile of his year-and-a-half tenure.

In a letter sent to Strauss-Kahn's lawyers and filed with Justice Michael J. Obus on Friday, prosecutors outlined some of what they had discovered about Strauss-Kahn's accuser, poking holes in her account and her background.

The housekeeper admitted to prosecutors that she had lied about what happened after the encounter on the 28th floor of the hotel.

She initially said that after she had been attacked she waited in a hallway until

Strauss-Kahn left the room. She now admits that after the episode, she cleaned a nearby room, then returned to Strauss-Kahn's suite to clean there. Only after that did she report to her supervisor that she had been attacked.

What precisely occurred between the woman and Strauss-Kahn – whether it was an attack or a consensual encounter, as his defense team has suggested – remains known only to the woman and to Strauss-Kahn.

Prosecutors disclosed that the woman had admitted lying in her application for asylum from Guinea. According to their letter, she "fabricated the statement with the assistance of a male who provided her with a cassette recording" that she memorized. She also said that her claim that she had been the victim of a gang rape in Guinea was a lie. □



Dominique Strauss-Kahn, right, former head of the IMF leaves his house, accompanied by his wife, Anne Sinclair, left, for the first time after the judge changed the terms of his house arrest, Friday, July 1, 2011 in New York.

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Spurned by Lady Liberty, Macy's fireworks show stays put

PATRICK McGEEHAN

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NEW YORK — For this year's Fourth of July celebration, Macy's had hoped to turn its massive fireworks show into a birthday party for the Statue of Liberty, which was dedicated in New York harbor 125 years ago. The show's planners wanted to surround the statue with barges loaded with shells, fire some others off from the base of the statue and even have Beyoncé perform on a stage there. But city officials rejected that plan, saying that Lower Manhattan could not handle the throngs of spectators who would be drawn downtown. So Macy's settled for a third consecutive year of staging its fireworks show on six barges in the Hudson River.

Beyoncé will still sing a couple of songs for NBC's national broadcast of the fireworks.

But that performance, which was scheduled to be taped Friday night, was relegated to a barge tied up about 100 yards from the eastern edge of Liberty Island, the Statue of Liberty's home.

The department store chain's dashed hopes for a monumental backdrop for the display shows just how tricky it can be to navigate the logistical and political shoals of the city and its various, demanding precincts. In Brooklyn, resentment still lingers at the highest levels over Macy's decision to move the fireworks from their longtime spot in the East River to the Hudson two years ago.

That move initially was presented as a one-time shift to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's landing in Manhattan. But Macy's decided to keep the display on the west side of the island last year in anticipation of moving downriver to the statue this year. Now, Macy's officials are mum about where they want to fire off their rockets next year, despite the parade of entreaties from Marty Markowitz, the borough president in Brooklyn. Macy's "should return the pyrotechnic spectacular to

the East River or even New York Harbor, where it helps boost our city's economy, bringing viewers out to the restaurants and waterfront nightspots of Brooklyn and

and the west side of Manhattan, excluding a large part of the city in which Macy's has its flagship store." Weary of the interborough competition, Macy's of-

"We also have to think about a viewing location that is easily accessible," said Orlando Veras, a Macy's spokesman.

The National Park Service,



People look at the Macy's Fireworks display set off on barges in the Hudson River, in Weehawken, N.J. The Fourth of July fireworks show is a New York tradition, but where to locate it has been the subject of much wrangling over the years.

(Chang W. Lee/The New York Times)

the outer boroughs of Manhattan and Queens," Markowitz said. "As it stands, the celebrants with the best views will once again be residents of New Jersey

ficials say they would prefer to move the fireworks around the city but are constrained by the lack of places to safely ignite 40,000 shells over a throng.

which controls access to the statue, supported having the fireworks in the harbor and even approved the idea of shooting some of them from the island,

said David Luchsinger, the superintendent of the monument. But Luchsinger rejected the notion of having Beyoncé perform on a stage at the base of the statue, even though he said the planners were offering \$10,000 to pay "the sun, the moon and the stars." He said he would not agree to a commercial use of the statue that might get in the way of visitors.

Macy's expects as many as 3 million people to watch the fireworks in person, many of them packed onto the West Side Highway, to be closed between 23rd and 57th streets for several hours Monday. Those who arrive early or have invitations to the Macy's private party can crowd onto the piers and pathways of the Hudson River Park.

Instead of setting up a stage for the network broadcast on the deck of a ship, as it has done the past two years, Macy's has claimed three piers in the park for its "command center." The fee for reserving that space from Sunday evening through Monday night: \$50,000. □

No pause in pursuit of justice... and ratings

ALESSANDRA STANLEY

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Some people will never serve on a jury. But anyone watching HLN's coverage of the trial of Casey Anthony, the young woman charged with killing her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee, has a visceral sense of what it's like to be on duty in that courtroom in Orlando, Fla.

On HLN, viewers are virtual jurors, buffeted by waves of contradictory evidence, riveted by the tears of grandparents reliving their loss, and sequestered from any outside distractions or news. When the proceedings adjourn, jurors don't go home, and the viewers aren't excused. Almost every spare second on that cable channel is filled with the volatile opinions of HLN commentators debating Anthony's guilt — 12 angry anchors.



Casey Anthony talks with her attorney Will Slabaugh towards the end of testimony in her murder trial at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Fla., Friday, July 1, 2011. Casey Anthony, 25, is charged with killing her daughter Caylee in the summer of 2008.

(AP Photo/Red Huber, Pool)

On Friday, once court opened in the Anthony case, and even when trial briefly recessed, HLN anchors stayed with their report. Not even the stunning reversal in the sexual assault case against Dominique Strauss-Kahn interrupted their on-air discussion of

duct tape, cranial washes, pet burials and Google searches about chloroform. While other cable news programs dropped everything to show a smiling Strauss-Kahn leaving on his own recognizance and the Manhattan district attorney, Cyrus R. Vance Jr., try-

ing to explain his decision to reporters, HLN replayed earlier deliberations over whether Anthony's lawyers could question a forensic pathologist called by the prosecutors as a rebuttal witness.

HLN's ratings have doubled since the trial began on May 24, and that could be because its focus is unrelenting, repetitive and unwavering, both when the proceedings are on and when they adjourn. The HLN anchor Nancy Grace dominates the discussion like the Ed Begley character in the 1957 movie "Twelve Angry Men." Grace, a former prosecutor with a colorful history as a video vigilante, is passionately determined to convict the defendant she refers to as "Tot Mom." On Thursday night, after the defense rested without asking Anthony to testify, Grace called it a "bombshell" development. □

Bulger loses the first round

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Judge Mark L. Wolf won't be presiding over the murder trial.

JAMES "WHITEY" Bulger just lost round one.

Mark L. Wolf, the federal judge who exposed the corrupt relationship between Bulger and the FBI, is off his case. As counter-intuitive as it sounds, the notorious gangster wanted to go on trial in Wolf's courtroom.

Last week, Wolf, chief judge of the Federal District Court in Massachusetts, granted a request by prosecutors to dismiss racketeering charges brought against Bulger in 1995. In doing so, Wolf agreed that it was more important for the 81-year-old defendant to stand trial in a later case that charges him with 19 murders. That means the racketeering case, which Wolf presided over, is done. Judge Rich-

ard G. Stearns, who was assigned the original murder case, keeps it.

For any judge, Bulger is the case of a lifetime. More than a horrific mob murder story, it's also a horrific story of complicity between the FBI and its gangster informants. It's even bigger for Wolf, because he brought the corruption to center stage.

In 1998, he held a 10-month hearing about the FBI's failure to tell the US attorney in Boston that Bulger and Stephen Flemmi were their informants. Wolf's extensive opinion, famous in criminal-justice circles, explained how FBI agent John Connolly Jr. protected Bulger and Flemmi as they murdered.

The judge understands the twisted ties between law enforcers and gangsters better than anyone. But he was right to dismiss the racketeering charges and

let the government cut to the more serious murder charges.

Donald K. Stern, the former Massachusetts US attorney who oversaw both Bulger indictments, said the most important question is: "What's best for the interests of justice, and what's best for the interests of the victims?"

As Stern sees it, what's best is "having Whitey Bulger face the music on the most serious charges and those which are most consistent, and given the passage of time, most able to be presented with admissible evidence in a court of law."

Dropping the racketeering charges allows that to happen. However, it also makes it harder for Bulger to put the FBI on trial with him. That's good news for the FBI, which was intimately tied to the racketeering case.

Now the issue for Bulger is

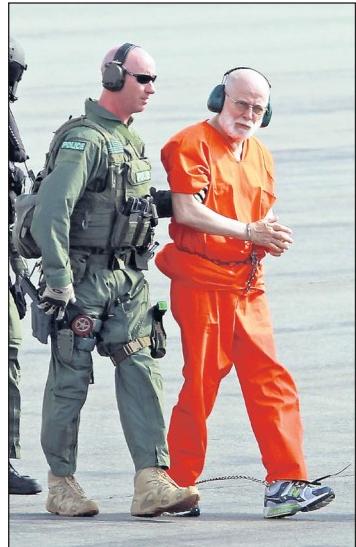
less about the FBI and more about murder. "I don't think he will argue, 'I authorized 19 murders based on the direction of the FBI' ... No jury is going to accept that," said Martin Weinberg, a prominent criminal defense lawyer who represented John Martorano, the mob hit man who was the first Bulger co-defendant to cooperate with the FBI.

There was also "judge-shopping" going on last week - and one of the shoppers was Bulger.

The defendant, via his provisional lawyer, Peter Krupp, wanted the case before Wolf because he knew it would take longer to adjudicate there.

The racketeering charges would bog down court action, and so would Wolf. The judge is routinely described as brilliant, but also very slow, as in methodical.

"If you represented an 81-year-old man, would you



In this Thursday, June 30, 2011 photo, James "Whitey" Bulger, right, is escorted from a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter to a waiting vehicle at an airport in Plymouth, Mass., after attending hearings in federal court in Boston. Bulger, who is being held at a jail in Plymouth, was deemed indigent and granted a court-appointed attorney. (AP Photo/Boston Herald, Stuart Cahill)

rather have a judge who takes five years to try the case? Or would you rather have a judge who takes two years? Mark is deliberate. Cases that he has tend to take much longer," said one prominent Boston lawyer who did not want to be named.

At the same time, prosecutors also wanted out of Wolf's courtroom. Besides the public interest in cutting to the murder case, Wolf is tough, especially on government lawyers. When prosecutors recently won convictions against House Speaker Salvatore F. DiMasi and co-defendant Richard McDonough, Wolf pronounced the prosecution "impressive.

Not perfect."

In the end, courthouse politics are secondary to bringing Bulger to justice as swiftly as possible on those charges that connect him to a slew of graves in Dorchester and Quincy. The Plymouth House of Correction is not Santa Monica, but it's not as bad as it could be. Given his age, time is Bulger's friend.

The government is right to speed up the accountability clock on multiple murders and so is Wolf. □

Murky water hid body in pool for 2 days

FALL RIVER, Massachusetts (AP) — A preliminary investigation shows "murky and cloudy" water in a public swimming pool helped conceal the body of a drowned Haitian woman for two days while people swam there, authorities said Friday.

The Bristol County district attorney's office said the body of Marie Joseph was submerged at the bottom of the 12-foot(3.6-meter)-deep end of the pool from Sunday afternoon until Tuesday evening.

Joseph, 36, was a hotel housekeeper in Newport, Rhode Island. She was from Haiti and had five children. Her body was discovered after it floated to the surface shortly before some youngsters sneaked into the pool for a clandestine swim Tuesday night. The medical examiner's office has determined the manner of her death to be accidental and the cause to be asphyxiation by drowning. The probe shows the water in the pool south of Boston was murky from the



This Sunday, June 26, 2011 photo provided by Candella Matta shows Marie Joseph, foreground, holding family friend Dalianys Melendez, daughter of Candella Matta, in the public swimming pool at Lafayette Park in Fall River, Mass. The body of Marie Joseph, 36, was found floating in the pool late Tuesday. She was last seen at the pool Sunday and had not been seen since. Officials are investigating whether her body was in the pool for more than two days while other people continued to swim.

(AP Photo/Candella Matta)

time the pool opened for the season last Saturday. Visibility tests conducted Wednesday revealed a diver couldn't be seen at a depth of up to 4 feet (1.2

meters) below the surface of the water. "Although this office is releasing this preliminary information regarding the case today, the investigation into the

Los Alamos officials plan for return of residents

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Associated Press

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico

(AP) — As firefighters held their ground Friday on the flank of a massive wildfire that burned near America's premier nuclear weapons laboratory, officials at the lab and in the surrounding town began planning for the return of thousands of residents and employees who fled the area earlier this week.

Officials didn't give a timetable for when they would lift the five-day-old evacuation order for the northern New Mexico town of Los Alamos, normally home to 12,000 residents. But some county workers were back Friday to prepare for the eventual rush of utility service calls, as well as possible flooding from surrounding mountainsides denuded by the wildfire.

With the fire burning several miles (kilometers) upslope from the Los Alamos National Laboratory, officials were confident the blaze no longer posed an immediate threat to the lab, where experiments on two supercomputers and studies on extending the life of 1960s-era B61 nuclear bombs have been put on hold.

"I anticipate that we are going to be able to bring the laboratory back up in a way that's smooth and continues to maintain the safety and security that we're responsible for," Lab Director Charles McMillan said.

The challenge Friday was stopping the flames from doing more damage to the lands of Santa Clara Pueblo, about seven miles (11 kilometers) away. The fire had made a run north toward the reservation earlier

this week, hitting the pueblo's watershed and cultural sites. Pueblo residents have been devastated by the news coming in from the front lines of the firefighting — forest resources lost and plants and animals that the pueblo's 2,800 residents depend on gone, Santa Clara Pueblo Gov. Walter Dasheno said.

The fire has blackened more than 162 square miles (419 sq. kilometers) in the last six days, making it the largest in New Mexico history. Erratic winds and dry fuels helped it surpass the 2003 Dry Lakes fire, which took five months to burn through 94,000 acres (38,000 hectares) in the Gila National Forest.

More than 1,200 firefighters were on the lines Friday trying to slow down the flames as National Guard troops, state police officers and local deputies patrolled neighborhoods and enforced evacuation orders. Fire operations section chief Jerome Macdonald said parts of the fire in Santa Clara canyon burned hot while other areas saw less damage because of overnight temperatures and lighter winds.

Dasheno said the tribe has discussed the possibility of evacuating if the fire grew closer.

Santa Clara wasn't the only Native American community feeling the effects of the fire. To the south, Cochiti Pueblo was also worried about its watershed.

Also, the Pajarito Plateau — which includes Los Alamos and the nearby pueblos — has hundreds of archaeological sites at Bandelier National Monument that hold great significance to area tribes. About half of the park has burned, Bandelier superintendent Jason

Lott said.

In Los Alamos, fire officials said that crews continued to work Friday to keep

flames from spreading down a canyon that leads to the lab and the town. Los Alamos Fire Chief Doug

Tucker said a small fire lit to remove fuels was steadily burning and being monitored by 200 firefighters. □



Firefighter Brandon DeLong, left, and Andrew Buus conduct a burnout operation while battling the Las Conchas fire near Los Alamos, N.M., Friday, July 1, 2011. As firefighters held their ground Friday on the flank of the massive wildfire that burned near the nation's premier nuclear weapons laboratory, officials at the lab and in the surrounding town began planning for the return of thousands of residents and employees who fled the area earlier this week.

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SAN FRANCISCO — Free lunch — heck, free breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus all the M&Ms and Red Bull you can stand — is a delicious perk of working in Silicon Valley.

Free or even subsidized food in corporate cafeterias makes eminent sense in such a suburban setting. Corporate campuses, built where fruit and nut trees once stood, are cut off by busy thoroughfares. To go out for lunch, you have to drive a mile or so, park, eat and then high-tail it back to work.

Nothing much, food-wise, has sprouted around those campuses.

There is not a bite to eat within a half-mile of Hewlett-Packard's midcentury modern lab building in Palo Alto, the model of tech campuses in the valley.

So when this cafeteria culture hits the big city, does the collision somehow stultify economic activity? Cities, after all, need people out on the sidewalks.

That was an important lesson learned in the 1960s and '70s, after urban renewal advocates like Robert Moses in New York bulldozed neighborhoods

companies that relocate their offices to the city's blighted neighborhoods. Twitter will be the first recipient of this largess when it moves into new offices in

or SPUR, an urban policy research group, says the impact of corporate cafeterias in an urban setting has not been rigorously studied. But, Metcalf says, "You certainly get more life on the street if everyone is going out to lunch."

Twitter may be a good test case. Market Street, a wide avenue that bisects downtown San Francisco, begins at the Ferry Building. Smart designers transformed that structure from a seedy and little-used transportation hub; it now teems with shops and restaurants that attract tourists and office workers alike. During the twice-a-week farmers' market, people stand in line for a half-hour to buy ramen, exotic sausages or rotisserie pork sandwiches from food carts.

But a mile and a half up Market, in the shadow of the golden dome of City Hall, it's a different picture. Boarded-up buildings. Empty, littered lots. Even in boom times, the area never improved.

This is where the city has encouraged Twitter to set up shop. To transform the area, though, people will have to get out on the street. When the people come, shops open. When the shops open, more people come. A virtuous cycle begins.

But what happens when people don't leave the buildings — when the culture of the suburban campus drops into an urban center? Two places in the city offer laboratories of sorts for a possible answer.

In a former industrial neighborhood called Mission Bay, the University of California, San Francisco, built its medical center. The university stashed its cafeterias up off street level. As a result, the area has remained sterile and empty. Employees and students drive in, then drive out. The public stays away.

That is expected to change when Salesforce.com, a company that has thrived providing Web services to corporate sales representatives, finishes building a new headquarters nearby. It will consist of eight buildings over 14 acres — a suburban campus in the city. The architects, Legorreta & Legorreta, of Mexico City, have incorporated street-level retail space into the project that is open to the sidewalk. They say they want to invite the public in. Salesforce has never had a corporate cafeteria.

Then there is a no-name neighborhood, south of San Francisco's financial district, that is home to a satellite office of Google. □



A woman pushes a cart of aluminum cans on a street across Twitter's future home, in San Francisco, June 21, 2011. San Francisco is offering tax breaks to tech companies that relocate their offices to the city's blighted neighborhoods in the hopes their employees will help transform the area.

(Jim Wilson/The New York Times)

in hopes of starting afresh. Buildings with no space for shops rose on the scraped earth, and it took years for people to return to the sidewalks.

All of this comes to mind because San Francisco is offering tax breaks to tech

the Furniture Mart on a particularly desolate section of Market Street next year.

Twitter, which is competing for talent with Google and Facebook, gives its employees free food. The question is whether those urban employees will leave the building often enough to dramatically improve the neighborhood.

Gabriel Metcalf, the executive director of the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association,

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The rock and the hard

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Dealing with our nation's gaping budget deficit is going to hurt. So here is a question for policy makers: What would hurt more, raising taxes or reducing spending?

The Republicans who walked out of budget negotiations the other week think they know the answer. They insist that higher taxes would threaten our fragile economic recovery and do serious long-term damage. Better to cut federal spending, they say.

President Barack Obama pressured Republicans last week to accept higher taxes, in addition to reduced spending, as part of a plan to pare the deficit.

The economic evidence doesn't support the anti-tax view. Both tax increases and spending cuts will tend to slow the recovery in the near term, but spending cuts will likely slow it more. Over the longer term, sensible tax increases will probably do less damage to economic growth and productivity than cuts in government investment.

Tax increases and spending cuts hurt the economy in the short run by reducing demand. Increase taxes, and Americans would have less money to spend. Reduce spending, and less government money would be pumped into the economy.

Professional forecasters estimate that a tax increase equivalent to 1 percent of the nation's economic output usually reduces gross domestic product by about 1 percent after 18 months.

A spending cut of that size, by contrast, reduces GDP by about 1.5 percent – substantially more.

Some in Washington and in the media have seized on a study I conducted with David Romer, my husband and colleague, that they say shows tax increases having a bigger short-term effect on the economy than spending cuts.

They are mistaken.

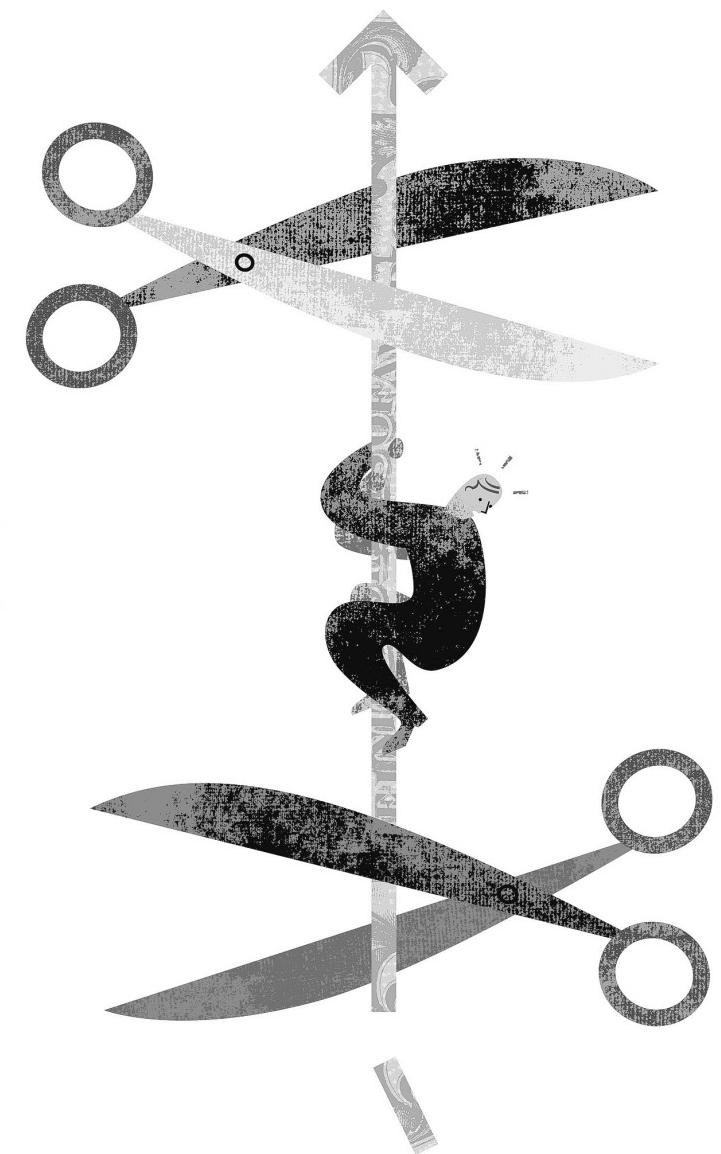
Our study, which examined only federal tax policy, found that conventional analysis underestimates the effect of tax changes on the economy substantially. The key problem we address is that changes in

taxes are often linked to what is happening in the economy.

A tax surcharge in 1968, for instance, raised taxes because output was rising rapidly and was expected to keep surging. That the economy's growth rate was about average even after that step might be interpreted as evidence that the surcharge did little. But considering the motive for it, and the fact that the economy had been predicted to continue growing quickly when it was introduced, this tax increase appears to have had a substantial chilling effect on the economy.

If there were a similar study on government spending, it would likely show that spending cuts also have larger effects than conventionally believed. Like tax actions, spending changes are often correlated with other factors affecting economic activity. For example, large cuts in military spending, like those after World War II and the Korean War, were typically accompanied by the end of wartime taxes and production controls. Those probably lessened the economic impact of the spending cuts, leading many researchers to underestimate the reductions' effects. □

Despite the clamor for spending cuts alone, tax increases need to be part of any comprehensive budget plan.
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Disciplined party marks 90 years of communism in China

EDWARD WONG

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BEIJING — The party for the Party turned out to be a doctrinaire affair, as President Hu Jintao expounded Friday on the benefits of 90 years of communism with Chinese characteristics while workplaces around the country held Red-song singalongs.

The 90th anniversary of the Chinese Communist Party's founding — done in secret in the leafy French Concession of Shanghai in 1921 — unfolded Friday with more propaganda hype surrounding it than any party birthday in recent memory. The previous weeks were packed with spectacles reminding Chinese of the party's revolutionary roots. Officials seemed especially eager to emphasize the party's history as a populist movement at a time when mass protests have swept authoritarian leaders from power in the Middle East. There was a star-studded movie, "Beginning of the Great Revival," that showed Mao and his cohorts plotting a political coup, and a mass choir performance in the western city of Chongqing where 100,000 people in a stadium sang Mao-era classics and waved red flags in unison. But when Hu took the stage here in the Great Hall of the People on Friday morning, the message at the heart of his one-and-a-half-hour speech was all about social

stability.

"The key is adhering to the organic unity of the party leadership, people as masters and ruling the country by law," Hu said, signaling that the party, which has 80 million members, about 6 percent of China's population, would brook no rivals. Hu emphasized that for the party to maintain control, it had to stay disciplined, and that meant rooting out the corruption that erodes the trust of ordinary Chinese.

"The danger of letting down one's psychological guard, the danger of not being sufficiently capable, the danger of distancing one's self from the people and the danger of pessimism and corruption are right in front of us more than before," he said.

He returned to the theme later, saying, "The course of 90 years of development of the party tells us that resolute punishment and effective prevention of corruption will decide where people place their faith is a matter of life and death for the party."

The event was stiff and scripted. Hu wore a dark suit customary of Chinese leaders, and the audience clapped dutifully at the important inflections in his speech. Before Hu took the stage, his presumed successor, Xi Jinping, the vice president, spoke a few words, and a short ceremony unfolded in which scores of "model" party members

were handed certificates. The celebration was broadcast on television, radio and even on speakers in the Beijing subway.

Hu's speech highlighted the early days of the party, when it sided with the ruling Kuomintang party to fight

annual growth rates of 10 percent and lifted 400 million people out of poverty. What was missing, as expected, was an honest assessment of Mao's nearly three-decade rule, when tens of millions died from famine and state-directed

thought then was divorced from China's reality," Hu said. But the party, he added, "rose up amid the setbacks and continued to go forward victoriously" because it "resolutely adhered to the principle of seeking truth from facts."



One of drum dance performers looks back near an advertisement board for the 90th anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party during a government organized celebration for the anniversary in Ansai county, Yan'an, in northwestern China's Shaanxi province Friday, July 1, 2011. Yan'an is celebrated as the birthplace of China's communist revolution. Communist forces led by Mao Zedong, ousted from bases in the south, retreated to Yan'an during the Long March and from there plotted the revolution that brought them to power in 1949.

(AP Photo/Alexander F. Yuan)

against the invading Japanese, then turned against the Kuomintang in a civil war to establish a socialist China. And it underscored the economic successes of recent decades, when China achieved average

violence. There was a fleeting mention of mistakes made, but no detail: "In some historical periods, we once made mistakes and even suffered severe setbacks, the root cause of which was that our guiding

Mainland China today may have some echoes of the one ruled by the Kuomintang — a stark wealth gap, wide distrust of officials, ideological and spiritual vacuity. But Hu did not dwell on that. □

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Gadhafi threatens Europe with attacks

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BIR AYAD, Libya — In a defiant speech broadcast to an unusually large gathering of his supporters Friday, Moammar Gadhafi threatened attacks on Europe if NATO did not halt its bombing campaign, even as he also seemed to leave open a door to negotiations.

In the speech, delivered by telephone to thousands of people marching in Green Square in Tripoli, Gadhafi warned that Libyans would be able to take the battle "to Europe, to target your homes, offices, families, which have become legitimate military targets, like you have targeted our homes," The Associated Press reported.

He also said he would welcome negotiations if Europe and the U.S. were willing, but he said if they were not, "we'll finish the battle." With NATO commanders tracking his movements, and apparently willing to kill him, Gadhafi has not appeared in public in months.

Instead, he has been communicating with Libyans and the outside world through recorded mes-

ses from undisclosed locations. The NATO bombing campaign has not hampered his ability to strike at his opponents inside Libya. In recent days, his forces have struck back aggressively at rebels making gains in the Nafusah Mountains region, including killing four rebel fighters during a nighttime raid on the city of Kiklah on Thursday.

By that morning, the rebels had pushed the Gadhafi troops out of the city, and on Friday they peered at the government positions, under water towers in the distance, through binoculars. In the nearby town of Bir al-Ghanim, Gadhafi loyalists and opposition fighters have clashed for days, despite repeated bombings of the government's positions by NATO warplanes.

On Friday, the Gadhafi loyalists showed they were still capable of advancing; they shelled a rebel checkpoint here in Bir Ayad, which is about 12 miles away. One of Gadhafi's sons, Seif al-Islam Gadhafi, suggested in a television interview that his father's supporters had no intention of end-

ing the fight. "Nobody will give up and raise the white flag," he said in the interview, which was posted Fri-

a strong army. We thought Europeans were our friends; our mistake was to be tolerant with our enemies."

had ordered the killings of protesters during the early days of the Libyan uprising in February.

"This would have happened anywhere in the world if people in the street moved towards a military site trying to steal ammunition and arms," he said. Gadhafi, in his speech, urged his supporters to attack the rebels in the mountains, as well as his opponents in Misrata, a rebel-controlled city on Libya's western coast, and Benghazi in the east, saying that the rebels were losing the war.

He mentioned the arming of the Libyan rebels by the French government and said "mercenaries" were fighting with his opponents. "They tried it for a hundred days and they failed," he said. "Benghazi is finished." □



Libyan men pray during Friday prayers in the rebel-held Benghazi, Libya, Friday, July 1, 2011.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)

day on the website of the Russian channel RT. "One of our biggest mistakes was that we delayed buying new weapons from Russia, and delayed building

Seif Gadhafi also denied charges by the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court that he, his father and the Libyan intelligence chief, Abdullah el-Senoussi,

Iraq begins crackdown on Shiite militias: Report

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BAGHDAD — Against a backdrop of rising violence against U.S. soldiers, Iraqi security forces have unleashed a sweeping crackdown on Iranian-backed Shiite militants responsible for most of the lethal attacks, according to U.S. and Iraqi officials. The operation has been welcomed by the U.S. military, which announced the deaths of three Americans in southern Iraq on Thursday, bringing the total of combat-related deaths in June to 14 — the bloodiest month in three years. Throughout the spring, as the attacks on soldiers increased, U.S. commanders grew concerned that the Shiite-led government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki would be unwilling to act against the militias. Many of the militant groups have ties to the radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose party is a critical pillar of Maliki's governing coalition. Those fears have begun to be allayed as a force of about 2,000 Iraqi soldiers and police officers has undertaken an offensive in a southern province, Maysan, in one of the largest mobilizations by the government since it took over security responsibilities from the Americans.

Security forces have increased activities across Iraq, arresting militants, conducting patrols to cut down on rocket and mortar fire on U.S. bases and searching for weapons caches, according to the U.S. military's top spokesman in Iraq, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan. □

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Shadow wars:

U.S. expands drone war into Somalia

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WASHINGTON — The clandestine U.S. military campaign to combat al-Qaida's franchise in Yemen is expanding to fight the Islamist militancy in Somalia, as new evidence indicates that insurgents in the two countries are forging closer ties and possibly plotting attacks against the United States, American officials say.

A U.S. military drone aircraft attacked several Somalis in the militant group al-Shabab late last month, the officials said, killing at least one of its midlevel operatives and wounding others. The strike was carried out by the same Special Operations Command unit battling militants in Yemen, and it represented an intensification of a U.S. military campaign in a mostly lawless region where weak governments have allowed groups with links to al-Qaida to flourish.

The Obama administration's increased focus on Somalia comes as the White House has unveiled a new strategy to battle al-Qaida in the post-Osama bin Laden era, and as some U.S. military and intelligence officials view al-Qaida affiliates in Yemen and Somalia as a greater threat to the United States than the group of operatives in Pakistan who have been barraged with hundreds of drone strikes directed by the CIA in recent years. The military drone strike in Somalia last month was the first U.S. attack there since 2009, when helicopter-borne commandos killed

Saleh Ali Saleh Nabhan, a senior leader of the group that carried out the 1998 attacks on the U.S. embassies in Kenya and Tanzania. Although it appears that no senior Somali militants were killed in last month's drone strike, a Pentagon official

Washington Post this week. U.S. military officials said there was new intelligence that militants in Yemen and Somalia were communicating more frequently about operations, training and tactics, but the Pentagon is wading into the chaos in

have repeatedly said in private in the past year that the administration does not intend to send U.S. ground troops to Somalia beyond quick raids.

For several years, the United States has largely been relying on proxy forces in Soma-

tions Command initiated missions into Somalia from an airstrip in Ethiopia.

Even as threat warnings grow, U.S. officials say that al-Shabab militants are under increasing pressure on various fronts, and that now is the time to attack the group aggressively. But it is unclear whether U.S. intelligence about Somalia — often sketchy and inconclusive — has improved in recent months.

This week, Vice Adm. William H. McRaven, who was until recently in charge of the Joint Special Operations Command, told lawmakers that military planners were "looking very hard at Yemen and at Somalia," but he said that the effectiveness of the missions there was occasionally hampered by limited availability of surveillance aircraft like drones.

One day later, President Barack Obama's top counterterrorism adviser, John O. Brennan, said that al-Qaida's badly weakened leadership in Pakistan had urged the group's regional affiliates to attack U.S. targets.

"From the territory it controls in Somalia, al-Shabab continues to call for strikes against the United States," Brennan said.

Over the past two years, the administration has wrestled with how to deal with al-Shabab, many of whose midlevel fighters oppose Somalia's weak transitional government but are not necessarily seeking to battle the United States. Attacking them — not just their leaders — could push those militants to join al-Qaida, some officials say. □



African Union peacekeepers from Uganda, wearing their campaign medals, prepare to leave Mogadishu, Somalia, Friday July 1, 2011. A new 3,000- string African Union force is to replace them. Somalia's Defense Minister Abdulhakim Mohamoud Haji Faqi said U.S. military forces landed in Somalia to retrieve the bodies of dead or wounded militants after a U.S. drone strike targeted insurgents last week, and that he wants the U.S. to carry out more strikes against al-Qaida-linked militants. U.S. officials have increased their warnings that the threat from al-Shabab is growing.

(AP Photo/Mohamed Sheikh Nor)

said Friday that one of the militants who was wounded had been in contact recently with Anwar al-Awlaki, the U.S.-born radical cleric now hiding in Yemen. The news that the strike was carried out by a U.S. drone was first reported in The

Somalia with some trepidation. Many in uniform are still haunted by the 1993 "Black Hawk Down" debacle, in which 18 elite U.S. troops were killed in Mogadishu, the Somali capital, battling fighters aligned with warlords. Senior U.S. officials

lia, including African Union peacekeepers from Uganda and Burundi, to support Somalia's fragile transitional government. During the Ethiopian invasion of Somalia in 2007, clandestine operatives from the Pentagon's Joint Special Opera-

Stuck in dock, flotilla activists see the hand of Israel

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ATHENS, Greece — With the propeller shafts of two ships mysteriously damaged, the Greek authorities holding other vessels in port on government orders and a U.S. boat turned back by the Greek coast guard on Fri-

the flotilla, The Audacity of Hope, about one mile out to sea, quashing the initial excitement of the passengers, who were surprised to have been allowed to leave the harbor at all.

"We could see the handwriting on the wall, that they were going to try to shut

sail to Gaza!" Others held a cardboard sign asking, "Is it Poseidon or Netanyahu?" (That is, a passenger explained, "Who is the king of the Aegean?")

"The probability that the Greek government has already made a decision to not let us out of the port is

the throes of a protracted sovereign debt crisis, might be acceding to an Israeli "diplomatic offensive."

The Israeli government, she noted, has held Cabinet meetings on the subject of the flotilla, and several rounds of military exercises have been conducted in preparation for a confrontation.

"I'm shocked that they would be spending so much time, money, energy," Wright added, but in some ways, she has been pleased by the Israeli attention. "We couldn't have dreamed for a better thing. Usually, governments don't cooperate with us this way!"

On Thursday, Irish organizers announced that they had pulled their Turkish-docked ship from the flotilla after the crew discovered damage to the propeller shaft, the result of what they assume to have been sabotage by underwater divers. Organizers said the damage was discovered on a trial run, but that otherwise the vessel might have sunk at sea, endangering the passengers and the crew.

Activists discovered nearly identical damage to a Greek-Swedish-Norwegian passenger boat this week.

da, Spain and the Netherlands were awaiting clearance to sail on Friday, and a cargo vessel was hoping to be permitted to load its cargo. All of the ships have ostensibly met the requirements of the Greek authorities, according to Adam Shapiro, a flotilla organizer and spokesman.

But on Thursday, harbor officials barred a French boat from refueling, he said, an indication that Greek officials might find justifications for retaining the other ships in port.

As of Friday morning, after more than a week in ports across Greece, not a single ship had explicit clearance from the Greek authorities to set sail, and it remains unclear when more ships might sail, or what an eventual flotilla might resemble. "We're going to do something," Shapiro vowed. Still, he added, "It seems we're already doing something, given the kind of response we've gotten."

Asked about activists' suggestions that Israel was behind the apparent sabotage, Mark Regev, a spokesman for the Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said, "These



Demonstrators on the American boat, "The Audacity of Hope," which plans to be part of the international flotilla to Gaza, at a port near Athens, Greece, June 30, 2011. On Friday, the Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection decreed that all vessels in Greek ports were prohibited from sailing toward "the maritime area of Gaza."

(Nadia Shira Cohen/The New York Times)

day just 20 minutes off the coast, the international flotilla to Gaza has stalled.

Organizers say they see the long arm of Israel behind their improbable woes, and while Israeli officials have dismissed such accusations as so much conspiracy mongering, they have declined to deny them outright.

One year after Israeli commandos killed nine Turkish activists aboard the Mavi Marmara during another flotilla, organizers had hoped once again to challenge the naval blockade of the Gaza Strip off its coast. It appears decreasingly likely, however, that the eight boats now preparing to sail will ever be able or allowed to leave port.

Echoing a majority view among participants here, Johnny Leo Johansen, a ponytailed Norwegian photographer and activist, put it this way: "It's like they've moved the blockade from Gaza to Greece." On Friday the coast guard stopped the U.S. boat in

down all the ports across the Mediterranean," said Ann Wright, the lead organizer of the U.S. boat.

After a complaint about improper documentation filed by an Israeli advocacy group, the boat had been held in port outside Athens on police orders. Inspectors visited it a week ago Friday, but the results of their inspection had yet to be provided. Without them, the ship could not legally set sail.

The Greek Ministry of Citizen Protection decreed Friday that all vessels in Greek ports were prohibited from sailing toward "the maritime area of Gaza." No explanation was given, and ministry officials could not be reached for further comment.

The Americans decided to leave just the same. After chasing them down, a smiling, youthful coast guard captain leaned out his window and requested the ship's inspection papers. Passengers leaned over the upper-deck railing of the U.S. boat, chanting, "Let us



Greta Berlin of Los Angeles aboard the American boat, "The Audacity of Hope," which plans to be part of the international flotilla to Gaza, at a port near Athens, Greece, June 30, 2011.

(Nadia Shira Cohen/The New York Times)

probably quite high, I would think," Wright said earlier this week. "It's not surprising, in a way, that the Greek government has succumbed to the pressure." She further suggested that Greece, in

That boat is now grounded for repairs, which are not expected to be completed before next week, organizers say.

Three boats with passengers principally from Cana-

activists are not renowned for being an objective source of information."

He went on: "These people have a tendency to blame Israel, to see Israel's hand behind every calamity. □

CHAVEZ
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His campaign to counter U.S. influence in Latin America has led him to build alliances with foes of Washington across the globe, from Iran to Libya's Moammar Ghadaffi.

Now the uncertainty over his health has raised questions about how long that will continue and whether a successor would maintain what Chavez's opponents call his policy of "checkbook diplomacy" to prop up the region's left. Chavez denies accusations that he has lavished excessive oil-funded aid on allies, saying his government's oil deals with allies such as Cuba are mutually beneficial.

Chavez aides insisted Friday that the president was still fully in charge and working from Cuba while recovering, though it was unclear how long his recuperation might take.

In the streets, hundreds of the ailing leader's supporters poured into a downtown plaza, shouting "Onward, commander!"

"With the grace of God, he's going to get through all of this, and we're going to wait for him to return with all the strength in the world," said Luis Rodriguez, a Chavez supporter who joined the crowd.

Chavez spoke live on Cuban television in a telephone interview Friday night, saying: "We're optimistic and we know we'll get out of this."

Venezuelan state television also aired prerecorded video of a meeting in Cuba on Wednesday in which Chavez was shown discussing road projects and other issues with his brother Adan, his foreign minister and a military chief. "Despite the difficulties, Venezuela will be victorious," Chavez said.

The effort to portray business as usual comes after three weeks of uncertainty in which Chavez was largely out of sight and speculation was rife that he might be seriously ill. Before his speech on Thursday, Venezuelans had heard only that Chavez had undergone surgery to remove a pelvic abscess. □

The story of the swindler and the home loans

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Holding banks accountable for all those disastrous mortgages has been remarkably difficult. But last week, a big bank agreed to pay a price: Bank of America announced that it would part with \$8.5 billion to settle claims that its Countrywide Financial unit had packaged garbage loans into investments that were said to be safe.

That is good news for investors, as these things go. But another, lesser-known case now winding its way through the courts may help others recover losses from lenders who dealt in risky mortgages and claimed they had no duty to their customers. The case involves 21 families on Long Island and a convicted swindler named Peter J. Dawson. Dawson, a self-described financial planner, stole roughly \$8 million from his clients, among them elderly parishioners at his church in Uniondale, N.Y. He pleaded guilty in state court in December 2007 and is serving five to 15 years in prison.

What does this have to do with mortgage lenders? Home loans were central to Dawson's theft. He persuaded people who had paid off all or much of their mortgages to take out new home loans and entrust him with the proceeds. He promised to pay off their new loans with income from investments. Instead, he absconded with their money. Many of his victims lost their life savings and now cannot afford to pay off the mortgages.

Tom Geist is one of Dawson's victims. Geist and his wife, Joy, had paid down their mortgage to \$131,000 on their East Meadow, N.Y., home. But on Dawson's advice, they took out a new, \$280,000 mortgage from IndyMac Bank in May 2003. Geist was 80 years old and living on Social Security and a small pension.

"I went to Dawson, trusting him, and this started the ball rolling," Geist told me. "He left us with nothing. My daughter decided to move in with us and help us out because we couldn't handle it." According to

court documents, Dawson turned to a friend, Michael Laucella, at a mortgage broker called the Custom Capital Corp., to secure the new mortgages for his clients. Laucella had served time in prison for state and federal securities and financial crimes before joining Custom Capital as a custodial employee, according to court filings. In a deposition in the case, Laucella testified that he became a loan officer at Custom Capital even though, he said, the terms of his federal

son's offices over the years. The Long Island bank also made home equity loans to victims of Dawson's scheme. A lawyer for the bank and Arena did not return a phone call seeking comment. Neither Laucella nor Arena has been accused of wrongdoing.

Contending that all the loans made to these clients were obviously improper and full of red flags, Jacob Zamansky, a lawyer who represents the families fleeced by Dawson, has sued various lenders in

A spokeswoman for Bank of America and a spokesman for Homecomings Financial both said the case involves a theft by a financial adviser with no connection to them. Both said their institutions would vigorously defend against the lawsuit.

Yet Winslow seems to have rejected the argument that the banks were wholly blameless. "Significantly, the courts have held that banks do owe duties of care to their own customers," he wrote, in deciding to keep the banks as defendants in



Tom and Joey Geist, who were among the victims of fraud involving home equity loans, outside their home in East Meadow, N.Y., June 29, 2011. A case now in New York State court, dealing with the victims the fraud, may help others recover losses from risky mortgages.

(Kathy Kmonicek/The New York Times)

probation barred him from "opening any 'new lines of credit.'" Laucella also said he remained at Custom Capital after the company received a letter in September 2005 from the New York state Banking Department directing the company to terminate him "immediately." A lawyer for Laucella and Custom Capital declined to comment.

Dawson also worked with Alfred Arena, a branch manager of the First National Bank of Long Island, according to court filings and interviews with Dawson's former customers. It was at First National that Dawson kept accounts in which he deposited checks that his clients endorsed over to him. Dawson testified that Arena attended more than 50 client meetings at Daw-

volved with Dawson.

"At every turn, the banks placed their own interests ahead of the interests of their customers," Zamansky said. "The banks were driven by their insatiable thirst for revenues and were recklessly indifferent to the devastating consequences these loans would have on the borrowers."

Bank of America's Countrywide Home Loans, as well as PHH Mortgage, Homecomings Financial and the other lenders, have argued that they should be dismissed from the case because Dawson caused the victims' losses, not them. But in a ruling issued a few weeks ago, Justice F. Dana Winslow of New York state Supreme Court in Nassau County said the banks' actions should be examined.

the case. "Moreover, there is a public interest in ensuring the alleged duties relied upon are 'performed with reasonable care' – as evidenced by the recent flurry of consumer-oriented laws and amendments enacted in the wake of the 'subprime mortgage meltdown.'" Until all the facts of the case are heard at trial, it is unclear whether the banks will be held liable for injury to Dawson's victims. But Lewis D. Lowenfels, an expert in securities law at the law firm of Tolins & Lowenfels who is not involved in the case, said Winslow's ruling was significant. It appeared to counter the more restrictive approach taken by the U.S. Supreme Court in recent years on the issue of holding third parties liable, he said. □

LOCAL Aruba TODAY

At the Renaissance Mall

ARUBA IN STYLE opens its headquarters



ORANJESTAD — Aruba's Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber helped inaugurate the office of the ARUBA IN STYLE Fashion Week at the Renaissance Mall. The island's much anticipated fashion week will unfold here November 3rd to 6th, 2011. It is being organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism and the Aruba Tourism Authority. The opening of the office at the Renaissance Mall was attended by many of



the mall's merchants, press members and other dignitaries who all joined the minister in the friendly, tastefully-decorated space and later convened on the pool deck of the Renaissance Marina

Hotel where a fantastic Fashion Cocktail Show was offered featuring beach, day-time and evening wear by Gottex, Kenneth Cole and Adolfo Dominguez, three of the mall's out-



standing boutiques, over flutes of Veuve Clicquot. In his short address Minister Oduber explained that Aruba's new initiative, offering a Film Festival, a Jazz Festival and now a Fashion Week to island visitors,



is an effort to recruit fresh and diverse segments of the global tourist-market and present Aruba's repeat guests with a new activity and a novel attraction. ARUBA IN STYLE will be produced in collaboration with IMG International, the company who spearheads the organization of the Miami Fashion Week and the New York Fashion Week. Local fashion designer and entrepreneur Ronchi de Cuba and his counterpart in the organization Eva Wever, Marketing & PR Director, ARUBA IN STYLE, served as party hosts. For more information go to: arubainstyle.com. ARUBA IN STYLE is a fashion & lifestyle event, which caters to the trade as well as to high-end consumers. □

Honeymooners love Aruba for fun in the sun



EAGLE BEACH - Brandon and Shanna Lee are in Aruba for their first time and they are celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary. They are staying at Club Arias and La Cabana.

Brandon and Shanna are from Ormond Beach in Florida and they love to surf in their free time. They rented a jeep for a day to explore the Island and they ate last night on the beach at Passions.

They are doing several snorkel trips with Kent Gerber who is on the Island for 6 weeks and staying at Club Arias. This is Kent's 23rd trip to Aruba and says he won't go to any other Is-

land.

Brandon and Shanna say the next time they come back to Aruba; they will bring some family and friends to show them the Island of Paradise!! □

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ORANJESTAD- Benjamin Petrocchi started the newest export product of Aruba, locally produced cigars called "Aruhiba". These cigars are produced and cultivated in Aruba. Petrocchi has always had an interest in the cigar business and has also sold Premium Cuban Cigars, and now he is growing his own tobacco crop. After many attempts and trips to Santo Domingo and Cuba he started his own production and cultivation of Aruhiba Cigars in Aruba. The process took ten years. Petrocchi dedication to the cigars is important for the molding and process of making a perfect cigar which takes a long time. The cigar box is



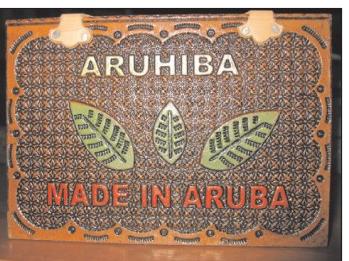
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ORANJESTAD - Bier Hier has done it again! The team of quiz experts has left Purgatory and Synergy behind in their seven-week trajectory to victory. Although Purgatory was last Tuesday's winner, the team could not come close to Bier Hier in the final standings. For now the quiz teams of the popular series at Cafe the

Plaza in the Renaissance Marketplace can enjoy a well-deserved holiday: the new series of eight difficult nights of answering hard questions will start in six weeks' time, in mid August. The winners received three cases of Chill Beer, while the Purgatory team got goodie buckets filled with gifts courtesy of Pepia Est.



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PALM BEACH—“Responsible Business also implies responsible environmental stewardship,” says Glenn Farro, director of Human Resources at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa. And in the spirit of his declaration, the resort has been scheduling road-side cleanings once a month, as part of the company’s commitment to the community of Aruba. The cleaning is also in compliance with the Aruba Hotel And Tourism Association-sponsored, Adopt-A-Mile program, which has been supported by the Radisson for the past decade. The resort crew made of members of the executive office, including General Manager Rob Smith, and members of the Food & Beverage Department met early in the morning and spent over two hours collecting debris and trash between the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa and the Sasaki highway. Wearing their Yes I Can! T-shirts, they picked up mostly plastic bottles, cups, and food take-out containers, and had a lot of fun fishing the hard to reach litter out of the Bubali nature-reserve water-filled ditches. Pictured here, the considerable amount of trash removed by the Radisson associates, setting an example of environmental stewardship. □

Fayola Werleman and Lorenzo Flores

Managers of the Quarter at the Radisson recognized



PALM BEACH — The Managers of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa gathered over cocktails and hors d’oeuvres at Pure Beach, Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort, to celebrate the achievements

of distinguished members of the management team over the past three months. Three managers were cit-

ed for their extraordinary contributions to the operation of the resort among them Natalie Hernandez, Assistant Spa Manager nominated by Albert Cruz, Lorenzo Flores, Cage Manager, the Casino at the Radisson, nominated by Josef Wilding and Fayola Werleman, Assistant Executive Housekeeper, nominated by Bibi Ohab. Angelique Croes, of the Department of Human Resources helped read the nomination letters filled with praise and commendation. Her presentation was followed by a heartfelt award ceremony in which Fayola was presented with the Manager of the Quarter title for the resort and Lorenzo was presented with the Manager of the Quarter title for the casino. Fayola, said the nomination, is personally responsible for all the purchasing and the implementation of new standards, which needed to be in place before the end of the year. She is also

a driving force behind the resort’s recent refresh and the reopening of the Curacao tower. Lorenzo who returned to the gaming industry just recently went from being hired as a cashier to cage manager in just a short period of time, putting his professional expertise, and his excellent people skills to work every day, in a friendly and positive manner, the nomination stated. General Manager Rob Smith joined the recognition with some warm observation of his own, praising the management style of both Manager of the Quarter of the quarter and their effective leadership. □



Haye vs Klitschko in Hamburg heavyweight fight

WBO and IBF champion Vladimir Klitschko of the Ukraine and British WBA champion David Haye, from left, stand face to face after official weighing ahead of their Saturday's heavyweight title bout in Hamburg, northern Germany, Friday, July 1, 2011.

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Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates after defeating France's Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in their men's semifinal at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Friday, July 1, 2011.

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Nadal, new No.1 Djokovic to meet in Wimbledon final

CHRIS LEHOURITES

AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England (AP)

— Novak Djokovic secured the No. 1 ranking by reaching the Wimbledon final on Friday, and he will now get a chance to beat the man he is replacing — defending champion Rafael Nadal.

Djokovic reached the championship match at the All England Club for the first time by defeating Jo-Wilfried Tsonga 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-7 (9), 6-3 in a match filled with diving shots by both players on Centre Court.

A few hours later, 10-time major winner Nadal knocked out Andy Murray 5-7, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4 to keep the British fans waiting for a homegrown champion at the grass-court Grand Slam.

"Always is tough, really difficult to play against Novak," said Nadal, who has won 20 straight matches at Wimbledon. "He's playing fantastic this year already. He only lost one match during all the season and I lost already four times this year against him."

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TOP CHOI

Choi ties course record and takes the lead

K.J. Choi of South Korea waves to the gallery after finishing six under par during the second round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Friday, July 1, 2011, in Newtown Square, Pa.

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So will be really difficult for me but I think I am playing well and I will try my best as always."

Djokovic, who improved his record to 47-1 this year and is a two-time Australian Open champion, will replace Nadal as the top-ranked player in the world on Monday, but reaching the final at the All England Club was the relief he was looking for after losing twice at the same stage.

After Tsonga's return on match point sailed out, Djokovic dropped to the ground and lay on his back. A few seconds later, he knelt down and kissed the grass.

"When I finished the match I didn't know how to show my emotions," said Djokovic, who also beat Tsonga in the 2008 Australian Open final.

"This is one of those moments where you can't describe it with the words. You remember all your career, all your childhood, everything you worked for that comes true now."

Djokovic started the season by winning 41 straight matches, but he lost to Roger Federer in the French Open semifinals. Since then, he is 6-0, with all those victories coming at the All England Club.

"I've been working all my life for this," Djokovic said. "I've been dreaming about playing the finals of Wimbledon since I started playing tennis when I was 4. To be



Spain's Rafael Nadal returns a shot during his men's semifinal match against Britain's Andy Murray at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, Friday, July 1, 2011.

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able to be there on Sunday will probably be the best feeling."

Tsonga, however, didn't make this one easy. The 12th-seeded Frenchman went to the turf several times to knock balls back over the net, some landing in and some going long.

"This is the only surface you can really dive, because on the others, if you dive you go directly to the hospital," Tsonga said. "So this is good."

Twice in the third set, both players went down on the same point.

At 1-1 with Tsonga serving,

the Frenchman dived to send the ball back toward Djokovic. The Serb then dived to hit a backhand across the net while Tsonga scrambled to his feet just in time to dive again and push a forehand long.

In the seventh game, Djokovic dived to hit a forehand, but Tsonga did the same, sending a forehand winner back over the net. "When he's in momentum, he can really be unstoppable at times, hitting serves, from the baseline, especially forehands," Djokovic said.

There were more theatrics

in the first set.

With Tsonga up a break and serving while leading 3-2, the two players volleyed the ball back and forth until Tsonga dived and hit a winner.

As Djokovic clapped his hand on his racket to acknowledge the acrobatic play and the crowd applauded, Tsonga turned to the Royal Box — which included former Wimbledon champions Bjorn Borg and Goran Ivanisevic — and stretched out his arms to roaring cheers.

"I can beat everybody today, but not Djokovic, because he just played unbelievable," said Tsonga, who came from two sets down to defeat six-time Wimbledon champion Federer in the quarterfinals. "He was everywhere. He returns unbelievable all the time on his baseline, so is tough. That's it."

The biggest roar in the second match came when Nadal sent a backhand into the net to give Murray the first set.

Nearly everyone in the crowd stood and yelled for Murray, who had been trying to become the first British man since Fred Perry in 1936 to win the Wimbledon title.

Nadal hurt his foot in the fourth round, but he again didn't appear to be bothered by the injury. Murray, however, did seem to be less than 100 percent following a hip injury in the quarterfinals, and it began to show early in the second set.

After holding twice for a

2-1 lead, Murray missed an easy forehand that would have given him a break point in the following game. Nadal held and won seven straight games, taking the second set and breaking to open the third.

"He was playing fantastic at the beginning and probably he had an important mistake with 15-30, easy forehand he played long," Nadal said.

"So probably that's one of the turning points of the match."

Nadal broke again in the opening game of the fourth, and moved into his fifth Wimbledon final a short time later.

The top-seeded Nadal is 20-0 at the All England Club since losing to Federer in the 2007 final. He won the title in 2008, but missed the tournament the following year because of injury. He returned in 2010 and won again.

Murray was playing in the Wimbledon semifinals for the third time, and he lost for the third time. Since Bunny Austin in 1938, British men have lost 11 semifinal matches at the All England Club, including four by Tim Henman in the late 1990s and early 2000s.

Henman was on Centre Court before the match in his role as a television commentator and Roger Taylor, who lost three semifinals in the 1960s and 70s, was in the Royal Box.

"I feel sad for Andy. I think he deserved to be in this final, too," Nadal said. "It's tough for him lose this match today." □






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Choi ties course record and takes the lead

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWTOWN SQUARE, Pennsylvania (AP) — If seeing the putts drop for birdie were not enough, K.J. Choi noticed his gallery growing and getting more excited for him Friday at Aronimink in the AT&T National.

"I started feeling that ... I'm working toward a special round," Choi said.

With five birdies over his last six holes, Choi had a 6-under 64 to match the lowest score in the two years the AT&T National has been played at Aronimink. It gave him a two-shot lead over Chris Riley, Charlie Wi, Justin Leonard and Bo Van Pelt.

Another day of brilliant weather did little to ease the scoring conditions on this classic course in the Philadelphia suburbs. Choi simply made it look easy at the end of the round by keeping it in the fairway and giving himself good looks at birdie. Three of his birdie putts were from about 10 feet or longer, and he closed out his round with a wedge into 16 inches for one last birdie.

Choi, already having a big year with his win at The Players Championship, was at 7-under 133 going into the weekend. He won the

inaugural AT&T National in 2007 when it was played at Congressional, so the calendar might be more relevant than the course when it comes to his good play at this event.

Despite the lead, there were plenty of contenders. Twenty players were separated by five shots going into the weekend on a course that can be as tough as it needs to be. The greens received plenty of water to keep them from going over the edge with two days remaining.

"This is a golf course where you can run up a bunch of bogeys," Wi said after his 66. "You're not going to lose too many spots if you make par."

If you stay patient out here, that's probably the most important thing."

Riley also relied on his putter, as he often does, running off three straight birdies late in his round for a 66. Riley is one of the best putters on tour, yet he benched his regular putter for a few years until going back to his old one.

And it's really an old one.

"It's a 1970 Ping Anser," Riley said, making it a club older than he is.

Turns out it belonged to his grandmother, and Riley found it in their garage



K.J. Choi of South Korea waves to the gallery after finishing six under par during the second round of the AT&T National golf tournament at Aronimink Golf Club, Friday, July 1, 2011, in Newtown Square, Pa.

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when he was in college. His grandmother wasn't playing much golf at the time, so he borrowed it

from her.

Riley is 38 and he is trying to go back to his early days on the PGA Tour. He played

recently with 22-year-old Rickie Fowler, and watched him step over short putts and ram them back into the cup without thinking about anything else. Riley has been around long enough to realize that some of the putts miss, although he's trying to care more about the stroke than the results. So did he play like he was 21 or 38 on Friday?

"Probably 31," Riley said, which could be classified as a progress.

Van Pelt three-putted his opening hole for the second straight day, then bounced right back with a birdie that he called his most important of the day. He made five more birdies for a 66. More than any one shot, he has kept the golf course in front of him without going sideways — either in the rough off the tee, or on the wrong side of the hole.

Like so many others, he thought the course and the way it was set up was close to perfect, even with greens slightly softer than he expected under the warm sunshine of the afternoon.

"I thought it might bake out more," he said. "If you're in the rough, they roll out on the greens. If you're in the fairway, they're holding. And that's ideal." □

Hincapie set to match Tour longevity record

By JAMEY KEATEN

Associated Press |

LA - ROCHE - SUR - YON, France (AP) — George Hincapie rode alongside Lance Armstrong on his record run of seven Tour de France victories — and is about to match a mark of his own at cycling's greatest race.

With the backdrop of a doping investigation in which Hincapie has reportedly implicated both Armstrong and himself, the American is about to equal Dutch rider Joop Zoetemelk's record of starting and finishing 16 Tours.

Hincapie, who turned 38 on Wednesday and now has a tiny hint of gray in his closely cropped dark hair, is a selfless workhorse who gained his greatest individual Tour glory with a dazzling mountain stage win up to Pla d'Adet in the Pyrenees six years ago. Modest and soft-spoken, Hincapie was a bit reluctant to reflect on the record he's set to equal.



George Hincapie of the U.S. laughs at a remark during a press conference at the team hotel in La Roche sur Yon, western France, Friday July 1, 2011.

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"With all this talk of the record, you guys are actually making me kind of nervous at the Tour — which I haven't been in a long time," Hincapie said Friday at a BMC team news conference. "I guess I haven't really dwelled on it that much." For a rider who has spent most of his career in the background, it is a rare chance to take some of the

limelight.

"It's an honor. When I first turned professional, I had hoped that I could do 10 years as a professional, and a couple of Tour de Frances," Hincapie said. "Being here 18 years later, and 16 Tour de Frances later, is something I never would have imagined."

Hincapie has been in the news for different reasons

recently, after CBS' "60 Minutes" reported in May that he told federal authorities he and Armstrong supplied each other with performance-enhancing drugs and discussed them.

Armstrong has always denied doping during his seven consecutive Tour victories from 1999-2005. Hincapie has said he never spoke to "60 Minutes," but has otherwise declined to discuss the report.

He is looking forward to slipping into the background again at this year's race, where he will take on a lieutenant role again to help BMC leader Cadel Evans of Australia, a two-time runner-up at the Tour.

"My priorities here at the Tour are help Cadel try to win the Tour de France — he's been a phenomenal racer his whole career, and in the last two years, in my opinion, he's really stepped it up higher than he's ever been." That doesn't mean Hincapie would pass up

an opportunity for a break-away if it suits him.

"I'd love to be in there, and to try to win a stage would be incredible," he said.

His peers and managers marvel at his longevity, and say he has evolved greatly over the years — now an elder statesman and voice of authority in the peloton.

"George has changed roles somewhere along the way here in his career and continues to be what I consider a still young George Hincapie," BMC president Jim Ochowicz said.

Asked if he felt young, Hincapie quickly answered, "No," with a smile.

While Hincapie has seen team leaders come and go and Tour routes change from year to year, there has always been one thing that remained a constant at the race. "It's always been incredibly hard. The first Tour de France I did, I was kind of praying that I'd crash — it was that hard — and I did crash," Hincapie said. □

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Haye stares down Klitschko ahead of title fight

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Associated Press

HAMBURG, Germany (AP)

— David Haye must rely on his blistering speed against the reach and power of Vladimir Klitschko as the two go head-to-head in a much anticipated heavyweight title fight.

The trash-talking Englishman has been looking for a fight with Klitschko or his older brother,

Vitali, since he moved up from the cruiserweight division in 2008. It's finally happening Saturday in the Imtech Arena football stadium in Hamburg.

Klitschko, the IBF and WBO champion (55-3, 49 KOs), is the bookmakers' favorite in the unification bout. Standing at 6-foot-6 (1.99 m), he weighed in at 110 kilograms (242.5 pounds) Friday.

Haye, who is 3 inches (8 centimeters) shorter, weighed in at 96.5 kilograms (213 pounds).

In the customary stare-down, Haye smirked at the stone-faced Klitschko, as throngs of raucous British fans booed and heckled the Ukrainian.

"Me and Vladimir don't like each other. You'll see that in the fight," Haye said. Undefeated in seven years, Klitschko tends to wear down his opponents with his jab before hammering them with a right cross. Haye said the first rounds would be crucial.

"I've got to make sure I land my bombs and he doesn't

land his, plain and simple. I can't afford to be getting pumped in the face by his big jab," Haye said.

WBA champion Haye, 30, has sought to rile his older opponent — Klitschko is 35 — in the leadup to the fight with taunts that go beyond the typical trash talk between boxers.

Haye (25-1, 23 KOs) has promised to injure him, refused to shake his hand and worn a T-shirt depicting the severed heads of the Klitschko brothers.

Haye claimed the WBA belt in 2009 by defeating 7-foot-2 Russian fighter Nikolai Valuev, whom he had described as a "hairy freak" and a "circus act."

Klitschko has called the Briton's behavior "childish" and promised to respond in the ring.

"David Haye will of course pay for everything during the fight," Klitschko said Friday.

"David Haye will be No. 50 on my knockout list. That's what's going to happen." Many boxing fans say Haye has brought energy and excitement to a heavyweight division lacking strong profiles during the long reign of the Klitschkos. Haye calls the brothers "frauds," saying they've kept their belts by taking on lackluster opponents.

While that's a stretch, it's clear that Klitschko faces a career-defining moment against Haye, considered



WBO and IBF champion Vladimir Klitschko of the Ukraine and British WBA champion David Haye, from left, stand face to face after official weighing ahead of their Saturday's heavyweight title bout in Hamburg, northern Germany, Friday, July 1, 2011.

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his strongest challenger yet. The Hamburg crowd will favor Klitschko, a fluent German-speaker, though Haye can count on the support of thousands of traveling British fans.

"David Haye has all the attributes to win, and win with a knockout,"

said Steve Victor, a 27-year-old IT consultant who traveled from London to watch the fight. "Speed, agility; his technical ability is better than any other in the division."

While both fighters are

outstanding athletes, it remains to be seen who has the stronger chin. Haye has been knocked down by Lengen Mock, Carl Thompson, Jean-Marc Mormeck and Monte Barrett, but came back to win each time except against Thompson. Klitschko was beaten by knockout in fights against Corrie Sanders and Lamon Brewster, in 2003 and 2004. He was downed three times but came back to win on points against Nigerian Samuel Peters.

If Haye wins, there's a narrow chance he could line up one last fight with the elder Klitschko brother, Vitali, before he turns 31 on Oct. 13. Haye has stated that he will retire on his 31st birthday. Vitali is the WBC champion, the only belt that Saturday's combatants don't have.

"I'll start thinking about Vitali after the referee has counted to 10 on Saturday and I'm the new unified champ," Haye said. "There's nobody else I want to fight." □

Nike re-signs Vick to endorsement deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Nike re-signed Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Michael Vick to an endorsement deal Friday, nearly four years after dropping him amid his legal troubles.

Nike, which signed Vick as a rookie in 2001, terminated his contract in August 2007 after he filed a plea agreement admitting his involvement in a dog-fighting ring. Vick spent 21 months in prison. Terms of the deal were not released.

"Michael acknowledges his past mistakes," Nike said in a statement.

"We do not condone those actions, but we support the positive changes he has made to better himself off the field."

Vick was voted The Associated Press Comeback Player of the Year after missing two seasons and playing sparingly in 2009.

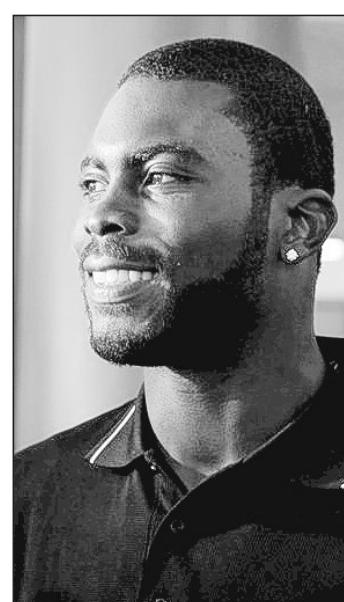
"Michael is committed to working with Nike and wants to utilize his platform as a professional athlete to have a positive impact on

our youth," said Andrew Stroth, the Chicago-based attorney who negotiated the deal for Vick.

Nike and Vick initially renewed their relationship in 2009, when the company announced it had "agreed to supply product" to the quarterback, who was not under contract.

Nike has similar agreements with several athletes with whom they don't have endorsement deals.

Vick signed a one-year contract with the Eagles in



March, a few weeks after being designated as the team's franchise player. He led the Eagles to a 10-6 record and the NFC East title after replacing an injured Kevin Kolb in Week 1.

Despite missing three games with an injury, Vick re-established himself as one of the most exciting players in the NFL. He set career highs with 3,018 yards passing, 21 touchdown passes, nine touchdowns rushing, a 62.6 completion percentage and a 100.2 passer rating. □

For hot dogs, a push for truthful labels

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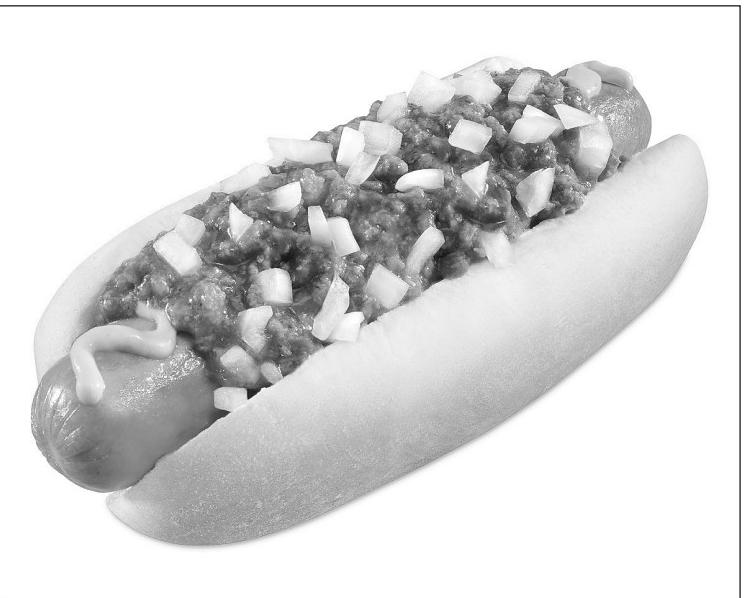
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If there is no such thing as a healthy hot dog, how do you limit the damage at this weekend's weenie roast?

Don't count on the label to help much. Those pricey "natural" and "organic" hot dogs often contain just as much or more of the cancer-linked preservatives, like nitrates and nitrites, as that old-fashioned Oscar Mayer wiener.

And almost no one knows it because of arcane federal rules that make the labels on natural and organic hot dogs, luncheon meats and bacon virtually impossible to decipher when it comes to preservatives. That includes meats made from beef, pork, turkey and chicken.

"If you actually surveyed consumers going out of their way to buy no-nitrate products, they'd be very surprised to learn that there's plenty of nitrates in there," said Bruce Aidells, a chef and cookbook author. "It's very misleading." In a role reversal, food manufacturers are now pushing the federal government for more truthful labeling, which would allow them to tell consumers clearly that some products contain nitrate and nitrite, just from natural rather than synthetic sources.



If there is no such thing as a healthy hot dog, how do you limit the damage at this BBQ?

The current rules bizarrely require products that derive the preservatives from natural sources to prominently place the words "Uncured" and "No nitrates or nitrites added" on the label even though they are cured and do contain the chemicals.

"Nitrite is nitrite and consumers should be aware of what they're eating," said Marji McCullough, director of nutritional epidemiology for the American Cancer Society, which recommends that people reduce consumption of processed meats because of studies that link them to colon cancer.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says it is aware

of the labeling problem and may take a fresh look. "We feel strongly that labels should help consumers make informed decisions and we are open to review-

ing additional information to enhance accuracy in labeling," said a spokesman for the department. Nitrate and nitrite have been used for centuries to cure meat, giving products like hot dogs, bacon and ham their characteristic flavor and color and killing the bacteria that causes botulism. Today, conventional meat packers typically use a synthesized version known as sodium nitrite.

But companies that label their products natural or organic must use natural sources of the preservatives.

They usually employ celery powder or celery juice, which are high in nitrate. A bacterial culture is used to convert that to nitrite. The resulting chemicals are virtually identical to their synthetic cousins. When the

products are packaged, both conventional and natural products contain residual amounts.

A study published this year in the Journal of Food Protection costs found that natural hot dogs had anywhere from one-half to 10 times the amount of nitrite that conventional hot dogs contained. Natural bacon had from about a third as much nitrite as a conventional brand to more than twice as much.

The current USDA labeling rules require natural products to indicate there may be naturally occurring nitrate or nitrite, but it often appears in small print. When combined with the more prominently displayed "No nitrates or nitrites added" banner, many consumers are left scratching their heads.□

Prisons face new roadblock to get new execution drugs

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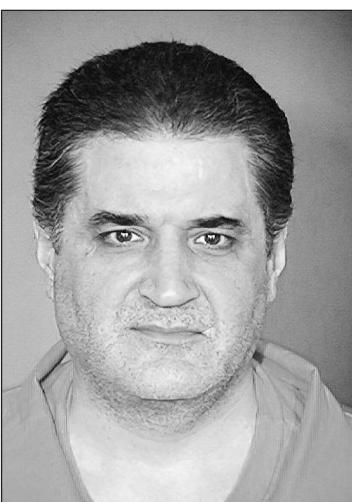
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ATLANTA (AP) — A Danish drug maker moved Friday to curb the increasing use of one of its sedatives in U.S. executions by requiring distributors to sign an agreement that they won't sell it for that purpose. The change represents yet another obstacle for states that have struggled recently to revamp their lethal injections.

Pentobarbital manufacturer Lundbeck Inc. said it will take court action against U.S. drug suppliers that break the pact by making the drug available to a prison using it for an execution. About two-thirds of the 34 death penalty states have switched to the drug or are considering it as a replacement for another chemical that's no longer for sale here.

Many states said they have stockpiled pentobarbital and that Lundbeck's move won't immediately affect their execution plans. But defense attorneys and legal experts said the

change will make it hard for them to replenish their supplies — which could kick off the complicated process of finding another replacement.



Arizona is ready to execute Richard Bible, featured, for molesting and fatally bludgeoning 9-year-old Jennifer Wilson in 1988. A Danish drug maker moved Friday to curb the increasing use of one of its sedatives in U.S. executions by requiring distributors to sign an agreement that they won't sell it for that purpose. The change represents yet another obstacle for states that have struggled recently to revamp their lethal injections. (AP Photo/Arizona Department of Corrections) □

US firm wins approval for new blood thinner

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AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Johnson & Johnson said Friday that U.S. regulators have approved its new type of blood thinner shown to reduce deadly blood clots in patients who have undergone knee and hip replacements. The Food and Drug Administration decision makes rivaroxaban the first U.S.-approved drug that works by blocking a clotting protein called factor Xa. That's in contrast to older blood thinners that work by preventing platelets from sticking together.

The once-a-day pill will serve as an alternative to the popular injection Lovenox, which is the standard treatment for patients who have undergone orthopedic surgery. The drugs had similar results in head-to-head trials, including similar rates of side effects such as major internal bleeding. J&J said its new drug would be priced similarly to Lovenox, which is marketed by French drugmaker Sanofi-Aventis SA. "The combination of tissue damage and immobility can lead to large blood clots in the legs. □

"States may well be already looking for another alternative — otherwise they won't be able to perform executions," said Deborah Denno, a Fordham University law professor.

Pentobarbital, which is produced in Lundbeck's plant in Kansas, is also used to treat seizures and destroy animals. But it has fast become a key part of executions since the sole U.S. manufacturer of sodium thiopental, once an execution mainstay, announced this year that it would not resume production of it. The dwindling supply of sodium thiopental left corrections officials scrambling, and many executions were delayed. They hoped pentobarbital would ease the crisis.

For many states, making a switch requires a lengthy regulatory and review process. And any change typically leads to lawsuits from inmates who claim the substance violates the ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Lawsuits over pentobarbital are still being heard. □

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Consortium prevails over Google for Nortel

ANICK JESDANUN

AP Technology Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A consortium that includes leading smartphone makers Apple and Research In Motion prevailed over Google this week with a \$4.5 billion cash bid for about 6,000 patents and patent applications from bankrupt telecom-equipment maker Nortel Networks Corp.

The group offered about five times more than Google's initial bid of \$900 million. Phones running Google's Android system compete with Apple's iPhone and RIM's BlackBerry devices. Nortel's patents cover many technologies, including data networking, semiconductors and wireless systems known as fourth generation, or 4G. Nortel said the portfolio "touches nearly every aspect of telecommunications and additional markets ... including Internet search and social networking."

David Berten, a partner at Global IP Law Group, which advised Nortel on the sale, said the patents resulted from about \$40 billion in investments over 15 years, through Nortel's own research and development and through acquisitions. He said the patents cover every aspect of telecommunications, including the handsets, the equipment used in cell towers and the connections from there to wired networks.

"Anytime you're plugged into data networks, there are patents that pop up," he said.

The sale comes as manufacturers of phones are suing one another over such common features as swiping gestures on touch

screens. Such lawsuits help distract competitors and, through substantial royalty settlements, could allow patent holders to capitalize on their rivals' success in the market. Apple has sued Taiwan's HTC Corp., which makes Android phones. Microsoft has sued Motorola Mobility Inc. over Android phones, too.

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Patent experts described the sales price as unprecedented, akin to what companies pay to buy complete businesses, not just the intellectual properties. "What you are looking at is a list of the companies that are in this incredibly active battle for the mobile computing platform," said Ron Epstein, CEO of Epicenter IP Group, a patent broker

not involved in the Nortel auction. "Clearly patents are being deployed as an important strategy asset in winning that battle."

Having a patent could allow one smartphone to have distinguishing features over another, or it could raise the cost for a rival to make the product if it has to pay licensing fees, Epstein said. In a statement Friday, Google General Counsel Kent Walker called the outcome "disappointing for anyone who believes that open innovation benefits users and promotes creativity and competition. We will keep working to reduce the current flood of patent litigation that hurts both innovators and consumers."

Google had said it wanted the patents to defend itself against lawsuits from other companies until Congress enacts broader changes to the patent system to help reduce such litigation. Google gives away its Android software for free, counting on its wider use to drive usage of other Google services, such as search and maps.

The winning consortium consists of:

— Apple Inc. of Cupertino, Calif., maker of the iPhone, iPad and other popular devices;
— Research in Motion Ltd. of Waterloo, Canada,

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which makes the BlackBerry;

age computers;
— LM Ericsson AB of Stockholm, Sweden, which makes wireless equipment; and

— Sony Corp. of Tokyo, which makes a range of consumer-electronic devices and has a joint venture with Ericsson for mobile phones. □



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'FarmVille' creator Zynga to go public

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AP Business Writers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Zynga, the online game maker behind "FarmVille" and other popular Facebook pastimes, is going public, the latest in a crop of high-valued Internet IPOs expected after LinkedIn Corp. showed that the online networking craze is a hot commodity on Wall Street.

Zynga Inc. hopes to raise up to \$1 billion in an initial public offering that follows LinkedIn's sizzling stock market debut last month. The amount of money Zynga is seeking in its IPO will likely change as its bankers determine how many shares should be sold and at what price.

That process typically takes three to four months.

There's pent-up demand for the stock of large social media companies because so few of them have gone public, even as they have been steadily expanding



In this June 2, 2011 photo, workers enter the CityVille game room at Zynga headquarters in San Francisco, Thursday, June 2, 2011. Based on papers filed Friday, July 1, 2011, Zynga, the online game maker behind "FarmVille" and other popular Facebook pastimes, is going public.

Associated Press

their reach for several years. The opening of the floodgates could culminate next year in a long-awaited IPO of Facebook, the biggest social network of them all. Because of Zynga's size, strong financials and potential for a valuation of \$20 billion or more at the start, the

4-year-old company's IPO is already drawing comparisons to another high-profile stock-market debut.

"Google came to town like a three-ring circus and this one will too," said John Fitzgibbon Jr., founder of IPO Scoop, which tracks IPOs. "They're going like

gangbusters, and they're coming to town with a lot of hype, and I'm sure that will carry over into the IPO and the aftermarket."

Fitzgibbon cautioned against talk of a "bubble" following the steady stream of recent IPOs.

He and other market watchers say there is a key difference now, compared with Silicon Valley's fiasco a decade ago. Although the Internet IPO market is as hot as it's been since the dot-com heyday, there are still comparatively few companies coming to market. And many already have solid financials, having been forced to stay private while the Great Recession sapped investor interest.

"The door is open for the specialty technologies — but it's not a bubble," he said.

The dot-com era "looked like a stampede. Right now it's a cavalry charge. It's lacking the numbers to call

it a bubble."

Meanwhile, there's little demand for those who fell from grace. News Corp. sold the struggling Myspace — once a social media darling — for a pithy \$35 million on Wednesday. It paid a whopping \$580 million in 2005.

LinkedIn, a service that connects people looking to advance their professional careers, doubled its IPO price in its first day of trading to give it a market value of nearly \$9 billion — the highest for an Internet IPO in the U.S. since Google Inc. went public nearly seven years ago.

LinkedIn's co-founder and executive chairman Reid Hoffman, now a billionaire, belongs to Zynga's board of directors.

The daily deals site Groupon Inc. has also filed its initial IPO papers.

Zynga is expected to attract even greater interest than LinkedIn did because its games have become a much larger cultural phenomenon.

About 230 million people every month play addictive Zynga games such as "Farmville," "CityVille" and "Texas HoldEm Poker."

By comparison, LinkedIn has more than 102 million members.

Zynga makes most of its revenue by charging small amounts of money to buy virtual items in its games. It also makes some money from advertising and partnerships with companies such as Netflix or Vistaprint on special offers.

Revenue grew to \$597 million in 2010, from \$121 million in 2009 and \$19 million in 2008.

The company, which is based in San Francisco, has a co-dependent relationship with Facebook.

Zynga probably wouldn't exist if it hadn't tailored its games for Facebook's audience of more than 500 million users.

On the flip side, Zynga games give people another reason to keep making frequent visits to Facebook so they can tend to virtual farms, play online poker or watch over virtual cities. □

Gas is 24 cents/gallon cheaper than Memorial Day

By CHRIS KAHN

AP Energy Writer

A motorist buys gas for his boat, getting an early start on the Holiday weekend traffic ...

NEW YORK (AP) — Call it an Independence Day discount.

Gasoline prices usually peak in the summer. This year, however, they peaked a little earlier, on May 5. The subsequent slide has made gas about 24 cents per gallon cheaper than it was on Memorial Day.

The national average now stands at \$3.55 per gallon. That's the cheapest gasoline has been since late March. Tom Kloza, publisher and chief oil analyst at Oil Price Information Service, expects the national average to drop another 25 to 30 cents per gallon this year.

"Prices will be lower until we get to hurricane season, then who knows?" Kloza said.

Hurricanes that pass through the Gulf of Mexico

can potentially disrupt oil production and force fuel prices higher.

While gas is cheaper than it was on Memorial Day, it's hardly inexpensive. It's still 79 cents more than a year ago.

And the only other year gas prices were higher for the July Fourth holiday was 2008, when gas was around \$4.10 per gallon.

The drop in gas is due to a decline in oil prices. Benchmark West Texas Intermediate has given up more than 16 percent since the beginning of May.

The contract for August delivery lost 48 cents to settle at \$94.94 per barrel Friday on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

In London, Brent crude fell 71 cents to settle at \$111.77 per barrel on the ICE Futures Exchange.

Oil fell Friday after China reported that its manufacturing industry cooled off in June, slipping to its slowest pace in 28 months. Activity slowed down as credit



Larry Barnard of Farmers Branch, Texas, pumps gasoline into his vehicle at an Exxon gas station, Thursday, June 30, 2011, in Farmers Branch, Texas. Retail gasoline prices in Texas have tumbled 8 cents as travelers prepare for the Fourth of July holiday weekend. Gasoline prices also have declined nationally, with the average cost at \$3.54, down 7 cents this week.

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tightened due to inflation-fighting measures and weaker overseas demand. The country is still expected to drive world oil demand for years, but a slowdown in manufacturing could temper the demand for fuels.

In the U.S., however, factory activity picked up in June, in part because of lower fuel prices. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing

executives, said Friday that its index of manufacturing activity has increased for 23 straight months.

In other Nymex trading for August contracts, heating oil dropped 2.18 cents to settle at \$2.9245 per gallon and gasoline futures added less than a penny to settle at \$2.9726 per gallon. Natural gas fell 6.3 cents to settle at \$4.33 per 1,000 cubic feet. □

The economic recovery turns 2: Feel better yet?

PAUL WISEMAN

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — This is one anniversary few feel like celebrating.

Two years after economists say the Great Recession ended, the recovery has been the weakest and most lopsided of any since the 1930s. After previous recessions, people in all income groups tended to benefit. This time, ordinary Americans are struggling with job insecurity, too much debt and pay raises that haven't kept up with prices at the grocery store and gas station. The economy's meager gains are going mostly to the wealthiest.

Workers' wages and benefits make up 57.5 percent of the economy, an all-time low. Until the mid-2000s, that figure had been remarkably stable — about 64 percent through boom and bust alike.

Executive pay is included in this figure, but rank-and-file workers are far more dependent on regular wages and benefits. A big chunk of the economy's gains has gone to investors in the form of higher corporate profits. "The spoils have really gone to capital, to the shareholders," says David Rosenberg, chief economist at Gluskin Sheff + Associates in Toronto. Corporate profits are up by almost half since the recession ended in June 2009. In the first two years after the recessions of 1991 and 2001, profits rose 11 percent and 28 percent, respectively. And an Associated Press analysis found that the typical CEO of a major company earned \$9 million last year, up a fourth from 2009. Driven by higher profits, the Dow Jones industrial average has staged a breathtaking 90 percent rally since bottoming at 6,547 on March 9, 2009. Those stock market gains go disproportionately to the wealthiest 10 percent of Americans, who own more than 80 percent of outstanding stock, according to an analysis by Edward Wolff, an economist at Bard College.

But if the Great Recession is long gone from Wall Street and corporate board-

rooms, it lingers on the Main Street of middle class Americans:

— Unemployment has never been so high — 9.1 percent — this long after any recession since World War II. At the same point after the previous three recessions, unemployment averaged just 6.8 percent.

— The average worker's hourly wages, after accounting for inflation, were 1.6 percent lower in May than a year earlier. Rising gasoline and food prices have devoured any pay raises for most Americans.

— The jobs that are being created pay less than the ones that vanished in the recession. Higher-paying jobs in the private sector, the ones that pay roughly \$19 to \$31 an hour, made up 40 percent of the jobs lost from January 2008 to February 2010 but only 27 percent of the jobs created since then. Kathleen Terry is one of those who had to settle for less. Before the recession, she spent 16 years working as a mortgage processor in Southern California, earning as much as \$6,500 in a good month, a pace of about \$78,000 a year. But her employer was buried in the housing crash. She found herself out of work for two and a half years. As her savings dwindled, the single mother had to move into a motel with her three daughters.

They got by on welfare and help from their church and friends. Terry started taking a 90-minute bus ride to job training courses. Eventually, she found work as a secretary in the Riverside County, California, employment office. She likes the job, but earns just \$27,000 a year. "It's a humbling experience," she says.

Hard times have made Americans more dependent than ever on social programs, which accounted for a record 18 percent of personal income in the last three months of 2010 before coming down a bit this year. Almost 45 million Americans are on food stamps, another record.

Ordinary Americans are suffering because of the way



In this June 9, 2011 photo, a "bank-owned view price reduced," lot is chained and locked but advertised for sale, in Seattle.

Associated Press

the economy ran into trouble and how companies responded when the Great Recession hit.

Soaring housing prices in the mid-2000s made millions of Americans feel wealthier than they were. They bor-

rowed against the inflated equity in their homes or traded up to bigger, more expensive houses. Their debts as a percentage of their annual after-tax income rose to a record 135 percent in 2007.

Then housing prices started tumbling, helping cause a financial crisis in the fall of 2008. A recession that had begun in December 2007 turned into the deepest downturn since the Great Depression. □

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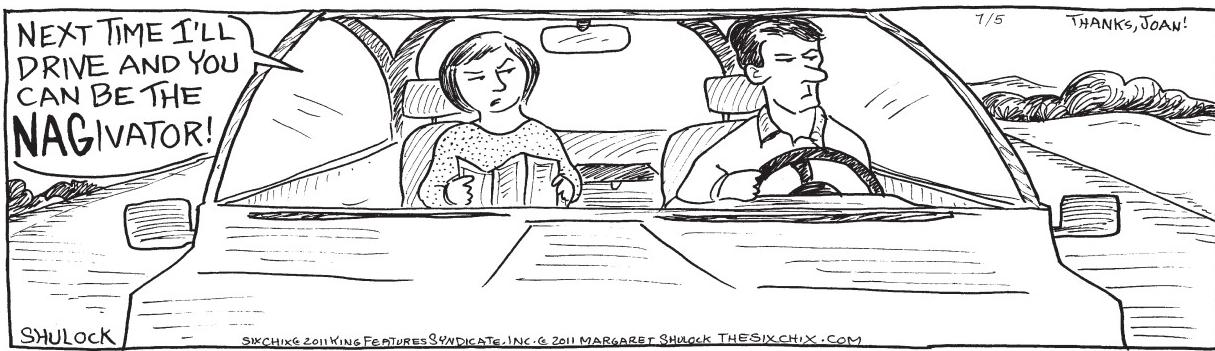
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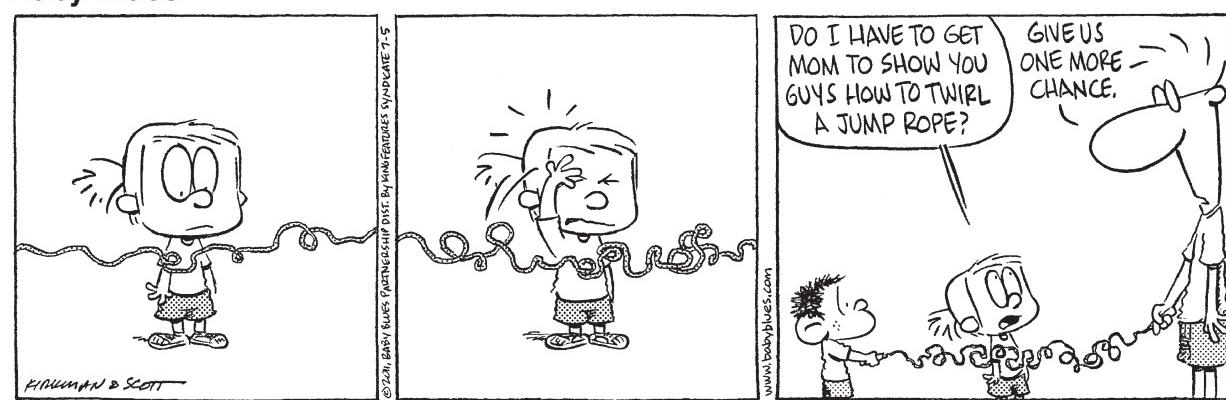
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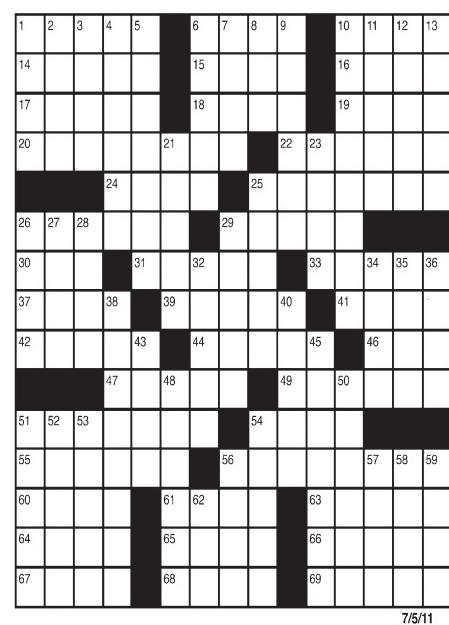
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Yesterday's puzzle answer



ACROSS

- 1 Political voting alliances
- 6 Instep
- 10 Volcanic output
- 14 Landing place at a river
- 15 Hawaiian feast
- 16 Fills with wonderment
- 17 Turn away, as the eyes
- 18 Travelers' stopovers
- 19 Tree trunk covering
- 20 Priests' hats
- 22 Flourish
- 24 Tavern orders
- 25 Said "Baa"
- 26 Spring bloom
- 29 Actress Sally
- 30 Biblical bk.
- 31 Wryly comical
- 33 Pooch, to a small child
- 37 Uttered
- 39 Give in
- 41 Regulation
- 42 ___ times; days of yore
- 44 High-intensity surgical beam
- 46 Caribbean ___
- 47 Looks toward
- 49 Playful teasing
- 51 Hunched over
- 54 Impolite
- 55 Livestock enclosure
- 56 Wretched
- 60 Genesis man
- 61 Praise
- 63 Cupid's projectile
- 64 Tardy
- 65 Pinnacle
- 66 Taunt good-naturedly
- 67 Recolored
- 68 Tush
- 69 Tool for trimming a lawn's border
- 70 Look for expectantly
- 72 Energy
- 73 Inquired
- 74 Emotional
- 75 ___ on to; kept
- 76 Invokes
- 77 Additionally
- 78 Ardor
- 79 Passionate
- 80 Dog pestlers
- 81 Greased
- 82 Strong wind
- 83 Delight
- 84 52 weeks
- 85 Missshapen
- 86 Currently
- 87 Give a speech
- 88 Passenger

Monday's Puzzle Solved

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- 43 Chain of auto parts stores
- 56 Wild cat
- 57 Boast
- 58 Suffer defeat
- 59 Beverage container
- 62 ___ in the hole; decisive argument held in reserve

Today In History

Today is Saturday, July 2, the 183rd day of 2011. There are 182 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1502 - Conflict between French and Spanish over partition of Naples breaks out in open warfare in Italy.

1644 - British Royalists suffer their first major defeat against the Parliamentarians under Oliver Cromwell at Marston Moor.

1657 - Denmark attacks Sweden, already at war with Russia, Poland and Austria, but suffers a humiliating defeat the same winter.

1776 - The Continental Congress declares American independence.

1777 - Vermont became the first American colony to abolish slavery.

1860 - Russians found Vladivostok near Korean border.

1890 - Brussels Act is passed by international conference to eradicate African slave trade and liquor traffic with primitive peoples.

1900 - Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin flies his first airship in Germany.

1937 - U.S. aviator Amelia Earhart and navigator Fred Noonan disappear during an attempt to cross the Pacific.

1940 - French government moves to Vichy during World War II.

1947 - An object crashes near Roswell in the U.S. state of New Mexico. Military authorities first say it was an alien spacecraft and later say it was a weather balloon.

1997 - A supertanker hits a reef in Tokyo Bay, spilling 13,400 tons of crude oil, making it the worst oil disaster in Japanese history.

1998 - After talks with new ruler Gen. Abdulsalam Abubakar, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan says all political prisoners will be released in Nigeria.

2002 - U.S. millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett becomes the first person to circumnavigate the world solo in a balloon.

2004 - Jordan and Yemen offer troops to Iraq in a major policy shift that could be

an attempt to encourage other Arabs and Muslims to help Iraq's U.S.-backed government restore security.

2005 - Kurdish guerrillas, intensify their attacks on Turkish targets, derailing two



Lindsay Lohan, actress (1986--).

trains by remote-controlled bombs, killing five railway security guards and injuring 20 people.

2006 - Thousands of people march through Paris to protest plans to tighten restrictions on immigration and step up deportations of immigrant families with children who are in France illegally.

2007 - The son of Chad's president is found dead from asphyxiation in the basement of his apartment building in a Paris suburb. Authorities were treating the case of Brahim Deby,

27, as a murder investigation.

2008 - Colombia tricks rebels into freeing 15 hostages, including ex-presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt.

2009 - French investigators say Air France Flight 447 slammed into the Atlantic Ocean, intact and belly first, at such a high speed that the 228 people aboard probably had no time to even inflate their life jackets.

2010 - Taliban suicide attackers storm a four-story house used by an American aid organization in north Afghanistan, killing four people before dying in a fierce, five-hour gunbattle with Afghan security forces.

Today's Birthdays:
Christoph Willibald von Gluck, German composer (1714-1787); Sir William Bragg, British scientist and Nobel laureate (1862-1942); Herman Hesse, German writer and Nobel laureate (1877-1962); Wislawa Szymborska, Polish poet and Nobel laureate (1923--); Larry David, writer/director (1947--); Jerry Hall, model/actress (1956--); Lindsay Lohan, actress (1986--).

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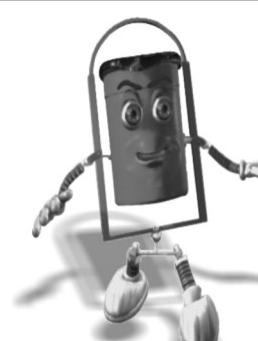
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The 'It Girl' is now a Woman

ERIC WILSON

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NEW YORK — Shortly before Chloe Sevigny took off for an acting role in Europe (portraying a pre-operative, male-to-female transsexual assassin in a new mini-series called "Hit and Miss"), a job that would keep her away from her East Village apartment for several months, she visited a neighborhood holistic food store to buy birdseed for her canary. When the saleswoman asked if she was a member of the store's frequent shopper discount program, Sevigny said yes and gave her name.

"I knew that was you," announced the customer behind her in line. "I was going to say something. I recognize you by your style." Recounting this episode a few hours later, over plates of hummus and marinated kale at a cafe near her home, Sevigny laughed her loud, un-self-conscious, wheeze-honk-honk laugh, and said, "I mean, who says that?"

Well, frankly, if you have been near the fashion, art, skateboarding, grunge or night-life scenes of New York City at any time since roughly 1995, when Sevigny made her breakthrough in the Larry Clark film "Kids," you might have said the same thing about her idiosyncratic style. She is someone who, now 36, appears equally confident wearing a pinafore as a prairie dress as a Saint Laurent pantsuit. On this particular day, in early June, she wore faded Levi's denim shorts that were cut off so shortly as to leave the inside lining of their pockets exposed several inches below the fray, a tight ribbed cotton T-shirt with a scoop neck and cap sleeves and black leather booties. Her hair was unwashed. You would not have confused her with Jessica Simpson.

It was once said of Sevigny, when she was 19, after Jay McInerney wrote a profile about her in The New Yorker, that she was the coolest girl in the world. Laurels of her part-nerdy,

part-perverse sense of fashion have been bestowed at her ever since, prompting Bob Morris to ask, in The New York Times in 2000,

"What is it about the young indie actress Chloe Sevigny that has turned the fashion world into a pack of dogs howling about her as if she

were a full moon, or a lamb chop?" Her fabulous poses and linguistic mannerisms are so well known that they have become the popular



Chloe Sevigny, standing, at her clothing line's fashion show for Opening Ceremony in New York, June 7, 2011. Sevigny has been around the fashion, art, skateboarding, grunge and nightlife scenes of New York City since roughly 1995, when she made her breakthrough in the film "Kids," and recently turned down a proposal to make a mass-oriented fashion brand.

(Elizabeth Lippman/The New York Times)



A model wears designs by Chloe Sevigny during a fashion show for Sevigny's line for Opening Ceremony in New York, June 7, 2011.

(Elizabeth Lippman/The New York Times)

subject of an online video parody by the comedian Drew Droege, who dresses as Sevigny and recites ridiculous insider fashion references like "this ironic art smock by Balenciaga Le Dix by Nicolas Ghesquiere." There is really nothing more to be said about just how stylish Sevigny is, except perhaps to ask how it is possible that she has managed to maintain her cool status far longer than any of her contemporaries while, at the same time, professing her own boredom with contemporary fashion and what remains of the club scene.

"I'm just not as excited by it," Sevigny said, of both. "I don't know if it is a reflection of what they are producing, or just my feelings toward it. I bought a pair of Birkenstocks today — let's be real. I wanted a chunky sandal that was functional. That should tell you where I am at as far as fashion."

Now wait a minute. Wasn't that her seated front row at the Proenza Schouler show in February and, before that, at the Costume Institute with the designers? □

Shriver files papers to divorce

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Six weeks after Arnold Schwarzenegger revealed he had fathered a child out of wedlock, his wife Maria Shriver filed divorce papers Friday to end their marriage of 25 years.

The former television journalist and Kennedy family heir cited irreconcilable differences but offered no additional details about the breakup.

She also did not list a date when the couple separated, although they announced they had done so on May 9.

A week later, the Austrian-born former action star and former governor admitted he fathered a child with a



In this photo, California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger arrives in Mexico City, Mexico, with his wife Maria Shriver. Maria Shriver has filed for divorce from Arnold Schwarzenegger in Los Angeles Superior Court, Friday, July 1, 2011.

(AP Photo/Marcio Jose Sanchez, file)

member of his household staff years ago.

Shriver's filing does not indicate the couple has a pre-nuptial agreement, which likely means Schwarzenegger's earnings from his career as a Hollywood mega-star will be evenly divided with his estranged wife.

She is seeking spousal support but any amount would be determined later, either through a settlement agreement or by a judge. The former couple's break-up is expected to be handled mostly behind closed doors. □

Ever the charmer, brazen and sly, but at a faster clip



R. Kelly performs at the Prudential Center in Newark, N.J., June 30, 2011. R. Kelly is on tour promoting his album "Love Letter." (Chad Batka/The New York Times)

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NEWARK, N.J. – R. Kelly isn't a singer given to grand ideological gesture, but last year the release of his 10th album, "Love Letter," appeared to be making a statement. For almost two decades he's been the id of modern R&B, even as, for several years in the 2000s, he operated under the shadow of child pornography charges, of which he was acquitted in 2008. "Love Letter" (Jive) seemed to ask for a clean slate. Kelly toned down the come-ons, the insistent streak in his voice, the persistent lasciviousness. He sang as if music stopped sometime in the late 1960s. As Kelly goes, it was a wholesome album and a possible game changer – was Kelly retreating to higher ground? Well, albums are albums, and shows are shows. "They told me not to mix the sexual songs with the 'Love Letter' songs," he said from the stage at the Prudential Center on Thursday night, though it's tough to imagine who said such a thing. Certainly not any of the thousands of fans here, whose relationship to Kelly – at least, if the mood of the room was to be trusted – is in no way troubled.

So Kelly nodded to his woes only obliquely during this show. In one video clip he was subjected to a mock journalist scrum, pushing him on whether it's appropriate for him to play his racier old music. It was meant to remind the crowd who the real enemies are: the press. If the audience needed another encour-

agement to come to Kelly's defense, it arrived later in a video of a fictionalized letter from Kelly's mother, who died in 1993, reminding the crowd to do her a favor and continue to give her son love and support.

It was consistent with Kelly's maudlin streak, which has long run through his work. But at this show, that's where sentiment stopped. There was no celebratory reading of "I Believe I Can Fly," no wistful "I Wish," no reflection at all – only reminder after reminder that Kelly is a singer with a superb voice primarily put in service of the mores of the day.

For much of the night he sped through his hits at a merciless pace, rarely lingering much longer than a minute on any one of them (except for the moment when he and his band did a brief, semi-credible take on the chopped-and-screwed music of Houston, slowing the show to a yawn.) "Sex in the Kitchen," "Snake," "Thou Thong," "Feelin' on Yo Booty," "R&B Thug" and so on: He barely let one sink in before sliding into the next. For "Bump n' Grind," though, he left the stage, and the overhead screen displayed 81 mouths singing the song in choral arrangement, a burst of comic relief.

Kelly may not be subtle, but never let it be said that he hasn't developed a sense of humor over the years. He's by far the most theatrical figure in R&B. The show opened with a short video depicting him as a 1930s club singer on the verge of a big tour, gabbing with

his moll. (At the end of the show came the blooper reel.)

And he performed a couple of songs – in part, while standing out in the middle of the crowd – from his long-running song cycle involving a romantic square-off against Mr. Big, a conceit that would be scintillating if it weren't so goofy. He laughed while he sang, right up until a bra landed on his microphone.

Maybe, then, his blunt and sometimes artless lyrics are purposeful. Either way, he serves them up with verve and bravado, even if at this show he was offering

reminders of seductions past more than anything else. But speed does not make much of a case for Kelly, who nails triumph and anxiety better than most. Only in the concert's second half did he slow things down, singing songs to their conclusion, letting his voice wander freely.

Near the end of the night came two songs about loyalty. First was "When a Woman's Fed Up," one of the rare moments in his catalog in which Kelly cops to his flaws. He was riveting here, slicing and dicing notes into jagged shapes.

Soon after came "When a

Woman Loves," one of the standouts from "Love Letter," in which he celebrates a woman – A wife? A mother? A friend? – who remains loyal even when it seems like a fool's task. Kelly is a precise and flexible singer, able to summon hurt and church and ecstasy at will – this was the moment, after 90 minutes of teasing, that he finally did.

Moments later about 50 women were led onstage and given what appeared to be Champagne, while Kelly slowly made his way around the looped stage, shaking hands and making eye contact. □

Sorry guys:

Supermodel Kate Moss weds



British model Kate Moss and British guitarist Jamie Hince pose for photographers with unidentified bridesmaids, after their wedding in the village of Southrop, England, Friday, July 1, 2011.

(AP Photo/Jonathan Short)

Supermodel Kate Moss married rocker Jamie Hince in a celebrity-packed ceremony on Friday, in a quiet English village with an army of photographers kept far away.

For one of the world's most-photographed women, the 37-year-old was remarkably camera-shy as she married The Kills guitarist Hince in the Cotswolds, a picturesque chain of rolling hills in southwest England.

The wedding took over the village of Southrop, with roads closed and a large police presence.

Moss wore a sleeveless ivory dress, a long veil and a floral headband, while Hince wore a grey suit.

Moss was nearly upstaged by fellow south London supermodel Naomi

Campbell, who arrived just after the bride and had to rush to overtake her, according to a local resident.

The newlyweds were cheered on by locals as they left the church for pictures outside. Mario Testino, who took the engagement shots for Prince William and Catherine, was in charge of the photography.

With the Rolling Stones blaring from the sound system, the couple were driven away in a Rolls-Royce to her nearby home, where a marquee has been set up.

Guests included actors Jude Law and Sadie Frost, designer Stella McCartney, Topshop chain store boss Philip Green and Mick Jones from punk band The Clash. □



PAUL KRUGMAN

In about a month, if nothing is done, the federal government will hit its legal debt limit. There will be dire consequences if this limit isn't raised. At best, we'll suffer an economic slowdown; at worst we'll plunge back into the depths of the 2008-09 financial crisis. So is a failure to raise the debt ceiling unthinkable? Not at all. Many commentators remain complacent about the debt ceiling; the very gravity of the consequences if the ceiling isn't raised, they say, ensures that in the end politicians will do what must be done. But this complacency misses two important facts about the situation: the extremism of the modern GOP, and the urgent need for President Barack Obama to draw a line in the sand against further extortion. Let's talk about how we got here. The federal debt limit is a strange quirk of U.S. budget law: Since debt is the consequence of decisions about taxing and spending, and Congress already makes those taxing and spending decisions, why require an additional vote on debt? And traditionally the debt limit has been treated as a minor detail. During the administration of President George W. Bush – who added more than \$4 trillion to the national debt – Congress, with little fanfare, voted to raise the debt ceiling no less than seven times. So the use of the debt ceiling to extort political concessions is something new in American politics. And it seems to have come as a complete surprise to Obama. In December, after Obama agreed to extend the Bush tax cuts – a move that many people, myself included, viewed as in effect a concession to Republican blackmail – Marc Ambinder of The Atlantic asked why the deal hadn't included a rise in the debt limit, so as to forestall another hostage situation (my words, not Ambinder's). The president's response seemed clueless even then. He asserted that "nobody, Democrat or Republican, is willing to see the full faith and credit of the United States government collapse," and that he was sure that John Boehner, as speaker of the House, would accept his "responsibilities to govern." Well, we've seen how that worked out. Now, Obama was right about the dangers of failing to raise the debt limit. In fact, he understated the case, by focusing only on financial confidence. □

To the limit

Not that the confidence issue is trivial. Failure to raise the debt limit – which would, among other things, disrupt payments on existing debt – could convince investors that the United States is no longer a serious, responsible country, with nasty consequences. Furthermore, nobody knows what a U.S. default would do to the world financial system, which is built on the presumption that U.S. government debt is the ultimate safe asset. But confidence isn't the only thing at stake. Failure to raise the debt limit would also force the U.S. government to make drastic, immediate spending cuts, on a scale that would dwarf the austerity being imposed on Greece. And don't believe the nonsense about the benefits of spending cuts that has taken over much of our public discourse: slashing spending at a time when the economy is deeply depressed would destroy hundreds of thousands and quite possibly millions of jobs. So failure to reach a debt deal would have very bad consequences. But here's the thing: Obama must be prepared to face those consequences if he wants his presidency to survive. Bear in mind that GOP leaders don't actually care about the level of debt. Instead, they're using the threat of a debt crisis to impose an ideological agenda. If you had any doubt about that, last week's tantrum should have convinced you. Democrats engaged in debt negotiations argued that since we're supposedly in dire fiscal straits, we should talk about limiting tax breaks for corporate jets and hedge-fund managers as well as slashing aid to the poor and unlucky. And Republicans, in response, walked out of the talks. So what's really going on is extortion pure and simple. As Mike Konczal of the Roosevelt Institute puts it, the GOP has, in effect, come around with baseball bats and declared, "Nice economy you have here. A real shame if something happened to it." And the reason Republicans are doing this is because they must believe that it will work: Obama caved in over tax cuts, and they expect him to cave again. They believe that they have the upper hand, because the public will blame the president for the economic crisis they're threatening to create. In fact, it's hard to avoid the suspicion that GOP leaders actually want the economy to perform badly. Republicans believe, in short, that they've got Obama's number, that he may still live in the White House but that for practical purposes his presidency is already over. It's time – indeed, long past time – for him to prove them wrong. □



DAVID BROOKS

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ASPEN, Colo. – Diane Ravitch is the nation's most vocal educational historian. She once was one of the leading intellects behind the education reform movement – emphasizing charter schools, testing and accountability. Over the past few years, she has become that movement's most vehement critic. She pours out books, op-ed essays and speeches, including two this week at the Aspen Ideas Festival. She is very forceful, but there are parts of her new message that are hard to take. She is quick to accuse people who disagree with her of being frauds and greed-heads. She picks and chooses what studies to cite, even beyond the normal standards of people who are trying to make a point. She has come to adopt the party-line view of the most change-averse elements of the teachers' unions: There is no education crisis. Poverty is the real issue, not bad schools. We don't need fundamental reform; we mainly need to give teachers more money and job security. Nonetheless, Ravitch makes some serious points. Most important, she is right that teaching is a humane art built upon loving relationships between teachers and students. If you orient the system exclusively around a series of multiple choice accountability assessments, you distort it. If you make tests all-important, you give schools an incentive to drop the subjects that don't show up on the exams but

Smells like teen spirit...

that help students become fully rounded individuals – like history, poetry, art and sports. You may end up with schools that emphasize test-taking, not genuine learning. You may create incentives for schools to game the system by easing out kids who might bring the average scores down, for example.

In sum, Ravitch highlights a core tension. Teaching is humane. Testing is mechanistic. This is true, but look at which schools are most distorted by testing. As the education blogger Whitney Tilson has pointed out, the schools that best represent the reform movement, like the KIPP academies or the Harlem Success schools, put tremendous emphasis on testing. But these schools are also the places where students are most likely to participate in chess and dance. They are the places where they are most likely to read Shakespeare and argue about philosophy and physics.

In these places, tests are not the end. They are a lever to begin the process of change. They are one way of measuring change. But they are only one piece of the larger mission. The mission may involve E.D. Hirsch's Core Knowledge curricula, or character education, or performance arts specialties. But the mission transcends the test.

These schools know what kind of graduate they want to produce. The schools that are most accountability-centric are also the most alive.

Contrary to Ravitch's assertions, these places are not just skimming the best students. At the Urban Prep Academy of Chicago, which Ravitch holds up as an example of a bogus success story, more than 15 percent of the students are special ed. Ninety-six percent of the school's first incoming class were reading below grade level.

And contrary to Ravitch's assertions, these schools, hundreds of them, have taken their students and put them

on trajectories much different than the ones you would predict just by looking at the socio-demographic backgrounds. Carolyn Hoxby has rigorously shown good charter results in New York and Chicago. New Orleans is dominated by charters and choice. Since 2007, the New Orleans schools have doubled the percentage of students scoring at basic competence levels or above. Schools in New Orleans are improving faster than schools in any other district in the state. The places where the corrosive testing incentives have had their worst effect are not in the schools associated with the reformers. They are in the schools the reformers haven't touched. These are the mediocre schools without strong leaders and without vibrant missions. In those places, of course, the teaching-to-the-test ethos prevails. There is no other.

The reform movement is most famous for tests and assessments. But the untrumpeted and undeveloped secret of the reform movement is the content – the willingness to develop character curriculum or Core Knowledge curriculum, the willingness to infuse the school with spiritual fervor.

Ravitch thinks the solution is to get rid of the tests. But that way just leads to lethargy and perpetual mediocrity. The real answer is to keep the tests and the accountability but make sure every school has a clear sense of mission, an outstanding principal and an invigorating moral culture that hits you when you walk in the door.

Ravitch's narrative is that America has humane local schools that are being threatened by testing wonks. The fact is that many schools have become spiritually enervated and even great teachers struggle in an inert culture. It's the reformers who often bring the passion, using tests as a lever.

If your school teaches to the test, it's not the test's fault. It's the leaders of your school. □



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